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Day in the garden

ELA TELBANY of El Cerrito works on her vegetable garden during the garden contest and festival at University Village on Saturday. Below, Lena Schmitz (right), 5, and Jarle Rosien, 4, pick tomatoes to make jam during the garden contest and festivities. Village residents held the festival to mark the 3-acre plot, whose history dates back to its use as a World War II "Victory Garden." The area was marked by Albany as the location for new youth sports fields, with gardening activities



Car show returns at new site

ALBANY — The horses may be running but the engines will be at Golden Gate Park on Sunday, Aug. 12, when the Albany Chamber of Commerce brings back its renowned Custom Car Show after a year hiatus.

This year's show promises to bring the fun into overdrive, or, as they say, with an array of

unique cars and trucks on display in the racetrack's north parking lot.

The event will be a People's Choice show, meaning there will be awards (including a work-in-progress classification) for all categories of foreign and domestic cars and trucks.

Goodie bags, raffle tickets, badges and dash plaques are available for all entrants. Couple those with great concession food and you have a recipe for a full day of family fun.

Car entries begin at 9 a.m. Festivities and the show are open to the public at 10:30 a.m.

For entry forms or further information call the Chamber of at 510-525-1771. Or e-mail to albanychamber@bigplanet.com

Barbara Nemoyten speaks during a Humanistic Judaism service at the Albany Community Center on July 26.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

District offer awaits vote

■ Agreement will help salaries be competitive, union officials say, but may not keep pace with other regional districts

By Suzanne Pardington

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Teachers have struck a tentative contract with the Albany Unified School District that would give them a 19.5 percent raise by the 2002-03 school year, ending a year of contentious negotiations and threats of a strike in the fall.

Under the \$1.85 million agreement, teachers would get a 10 percent raise retroactive to March, 1.5 percent more in September, another 3.87 percent in January and about 3 percent in September 2002. The compounding raises would total 19.5 percent of teachers' current pay.

Union leaders say the agreement will help Albany salaries remain competitive, but it fails to

guarantee salaries will keep pace with surrounding districts, a provision the union wanted.

Don De Pasqual, a math teacher at Albany High School, said the union was prepared to strike for the principle that the board show its commitment to teachers by pledging to pay them at the area average. But the agreement is the best the union could have gotten from the current board, he said.

"I will vote for it with a bag over my head," De Pasqual said.

The contract dispute has elevated tensions in the city and resulted in a student walkout, picketing of schools and trustees' houses, and a continuing drive to recall two trustees: Marsha Skinner and Bill Cain.

"It was awful the kind of struggle we had to go through to get what was basically a fair agreement," said David De Hart, president of the AL-

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Neighbors will network at Night Out

■ The annual anti-crime/neighborhood safety event takes place on Tuesday

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — More than 25 neighborhoods will participate in the city's fifth National Night Out celebrations this Tuesday, Aug. 7. There will be neighborhood block parties and get-togethers where neighbors can have fun and get to know one another at the same time. Officers from the police department and City Council members will make the rounds to talk to neighbors. Information about the city's emergency preparedness NEAT program will also be available.

"National Night Out first and foremost is to try to get some co-operation and communication between the neighborhood groups and the police department," said Scott McCormick of the city's Citizens' Crime Pre-



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CELEBRANTS AT National Night Out will include City Councilwoman Kathleen Perka and McGruff the Crime Dog.

vention Committee. McCormick, as in past years, is serving as the committee's National Night Out chairman.

"It's also a real good way to get the neighborhood started on organizing and talking to each other and knowing who your neighbors are," McCormick said.

"Once you kind of get to know your neighbors, then there's a mutual agreement of I'll look out for yours, you look out for mine type of situation."

Nationally, Aug. 7 will be the 18th annual National Night Out.

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City looks at Memorial Park issues

New location of kids play area will be reviewed in an effort to spare the park's large trees

By Matt Petersen

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — In the end, the dogs have been freed to run unhindered at Memorial Park and salvation for a few of the park's trees might not be too far away. Those were just a few hot topics addressed by the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission at last Monday's five-hour joint session.

Taking up much of the night's time were all the decisions to make about Memorial Park, including the issue of accommodating both dogs and kids. The park has grown in popularity among dog owners as a place to exercise their pets, which has brought some objections from other park users over safety and sanitation. Currently dogs are not permitted to run onto tennis courts and in children's areas, but there is no leash law.

One option on the table was to restrict the canines to either a permanent or temporary dog run that would let them do their thing out of harm's way. There were also plans to form an advisory

committee to look for open space to develop a dog park and a more extreme proposal that would stop dog activities at the park all together.

Upon Councilman Mario DiPrisco's request, the board agreed to an amalgamation of two proposals: Having stricter warning signage about enforcement in all Albany parks as well as forming the advisory committee.

"It's important to have strong language on the signage and encourage enforcement," said DiPrisco. He went on to add later, "maybe its going to take a police

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Humanistic Judaism maintains contact with culture, tradition

■ The group meets monthly at the Albany Community Center

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — "May the blessings of peace and kindness, graciousness, goodness and compassion flow among us and all the communities of Israel, all the peoples of the world. May this Sabbath bring peace and restoration."

So said the members of Kol Hadash, the Northern California Community for Humanistic Judaism, at last week's Shabbat cel-

ebration. The fourth Friday each month this group of humanistic Jews meet at the Albany Community Center to celebrate Shabbat and share fellowship and culture.

"Humanistic Judaism offers secular Jews a non-theistic philosophy of life that integrates the value of Jewish identity with a belief in the importance of human reason and human responsibility," said Marcia Grossman of El Cerrito, president of Kol Hadash. "It declares that reason, rather than faith, is the source of truth and that human intelligence and experience are capable of

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Cerrito Creek work

Join Friends of Five Creeks in removing brush to make a new trail along Cerrito Creek, 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Bring work gloves and clippers if you have them. Meet at Creekside Park (south end of Belmont Street), El Cerrito. Details: 510-848-9356, fivecreeks@aol.com, www.fivecreeks.org.

CCCT needs volunteers

Carpentry and construction volunteers turn raw materials into beautiful sets for shows at Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito. The nonprofit community theater is recruiting set construction directors for one or more shows per year. These volunteers need some construction or home building experience, the ability to read and explain design plans, etc. Also needed are set construction workers with basic home repair skills to work as part of an enthusiastic team. Times are somewhat flexible. Leave a message for Marilyn Storer at 510-524-6654.

All-Lutheran Day

An All-Lutheran Day at Knowland Park and Oakland Zoo will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, from 1-5 p.m. A barbeque is being planned for 1-3 p.m. at Tiger Timbers. Discounted fees for entry to the Park. Bring your favorite picnic food to share. Activities for all ages. For reservations and more information call: 510-797-2111.

Vegetable gardening

The Santa Fe Bar and Grill, a unique model of a restaurant garden in the city, offers a monthly free community training in intensive production urban gardening from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the first Monday of every month, at 1310 University Ave., Berkeley. The restaurant has a 5,000-square-foot organic garden on site that provides fresh produce. They grow over 50 varieties of greens, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers. Learn ways to intensively and organically grow produce for your own use or for an urban market garden. A hands-on training in the garden located behind the restaurant and

potluck lunch is held at 1 p.m. Enjoy the opportunity to chat with the chef. For more information, call Katherine Webb, the garden manager, at 510-841-1110.

Free classical concert

The UC Berkeley Summer Symphony, directed by Gene Chang and Henry Shin, will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Hertz Hall on the UC Berkeley campus, featuring Debussy's "Afternoon of a Faun," Stravinsky's "Firebird" and "Symphony 2" by Brahms. Details: 510-665-5631.

Celebrity Tennis

The Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Tennis Classic, benefiting emergency services, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Berkeley Tennis Club. Headliners are Stan Smith and Brad Gilbert, plus 35 other celebrities. Tickets are \$25 each and include a box lunch. Details: 888-337-8800.

POLICE REPORTS

Quick call leads to prowling arrest

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the evening of July 23 officers responded to reports of a white Dodge that was parked in the garage area of an apartment building on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue. It had been parked there a long period of time and didn't belong to any of the tenants. Officers found that the car had been reported as stolen. It was towed and the owners notified.

■ On the morning of July 24 a resident on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into his blue Toyota Camry that was parked in front of his home and tried to force the ignition. There were no witnesses.

■ At about noon on July 24 a resident on the 700 block of Jackson Street reported that thieves had broken into his beige Mercury Sable. There were no witnesses.

■ Shortly after midnight on

July 25 officers stopped a white '84 Honda on the 800 block of Kains Avenue for speeding and a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 22-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He had a breath test score of .14/14. He was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

■ At about 12:15 a.m. on July 25 a bartender at a bar on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a customer was intoxicated and causing a disturbance. Officers contacted the El Cerrito man, who was very belligerent. He was arrested but due to the excessive level of his intoxication he was transported to Alta Bates Hospital.

■ At about 4:45 a.m. on July 25 officers responded to a woman on the 1000 block of Solano Avenue who reported seeing a prowler in her window. Officers located the 37-year-old man whom the woman positively identified. Officers also discovered that the prowler had ap-

parently removed the door from her rear window and initially opened the window. He was arrested and transported to Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of July 25 a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that his silver '99 Volkswagen Passat had been "egged" while parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of July 24 a resident on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue reported that his silver '98 Honda Civic was vandalized while parked in an underground garage. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of July 25 a resident on the 700 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that during the night thieves had entered his unlocked blue Honda and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 4:30 p.m. on

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Focus on Sweet Potatoes outlet store

ROXANNE WILEY
Albany Chamber

This is a "local girls makes good" sort of story. Sweet Potatoes Inc. was founded in 1978 by Anna Tokunaga and Josie Jurcenia, two young moms with the shared dream of creating bright, imaginative clothing for children.

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As many of you already know, Sweet Potatoes' first and main store is on Fourth Street in Berkeley. In December of last year, an outlet store was opened in our very own Albany and is managed by Sandy Yolles, who has an extensive retail background originating in Chicago. Sweet Potatoes has blossomed into a major sales network that markets their products in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

This store is sooo cute. It's filled with precious little outfits for newborn babies to boys size 7 and girls size 14. The terrific thing about our Albany store is



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SWEET POTATOES sales people Maria Docekal, Erika Jerome and store manager Sandy Yolles.

that there seems to be a sale going on most of the time. Trust me, this is a very wonderful store for the small people in our lives. They will be noticed if they are wearing any of the labels, such as New Potatoes, Yams and Two Turtles to name a cute few.

Sweet Potatoes is located at 1222 Solano Ave. and is open seven days a week. Be sure to stop by and make a youngster in your life happy with a Sweet

Potatoes goodie.

Albany Car Show

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Suspect arrested in carjacking

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — On July 29 around midnight an alert police officer discovered that a Toyota van being driven north on South 49th Street from Cutting Boulevard had previously been reported as stolen. While being followed by police the driver of the van, later identified as a 21-year-old Richmond man, didn't stop at a stop sign and increased his speed. The officer notified police dispatch and then stopped the van and arrested the driver.

■ On July 29 about 6:17 p.m. a 48-year-old San Francisco man reportedly tried to steal some large bottles of perfume from the San Pablo Avenue Walgreen's. The would-be shoplifter was confronted by a store employee, placed under citizen's arrest and held until the police arrived. The suspect had prior convictions for petty theft.

■ On July 27 just before 2:30 p.m. police responded to a silent

alarm at the "Check N' Go" business on San Pablo Avenue. When police arrived employees reported that they had just been robbed and that the suspect had departed. The robber had reportedly entered the business, brandished a handgun, and ordered the workers to lay on the floor. The suspect took money from the cash drawers, tried unsuccessfully to open the safe and tried to rob employees of their personal belongings. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Detective Cliaff of the ECPD at 215-4420.

■ On July 25 at 2:55 p.m. police responded to a report of carjacking and robbery at Knott Avenue near Kearney Street. The victim was forced out of the vehicle by a young man brandishing a handgun who then got in the vehicle and drove off. A Richmond police officer subsequently observed the stolen vehicle on San Pablo Avenue near the Richmond Parkway. The officer stopped the vehicle and after a brief foot pursuit apprehended

the suspect. The suspect, a 21-year-old Richmond resident, was arrested for carjacking, armed robbery and taking a vehicle into a restricted zone.

■ On July 25 sometime between 9 and 11 in the morning somebody stole a drill and out of the back of a pickup truck parked in the northwest corner of the El Cerrito Plaza convention site. The value of the stolen items was estimated at \$350. There were no witnesses to the theft.

■ Sometime between 6 p.m. and July 8 at 6:00 an unknown suspect, possibly using a motor vehicle, forced the gate at the city's Corporate Yard at the end of Schwinn Drive. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of July 25 a resident on the 10500-block of San Pablo Avenue reported that someone spray-painted graffiti on the side of his store. There were no witnesses to the vandalism.

■ On July 7 at 5:19 p.m.

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Davis touts solar power in visit to Berkeley firm

By Greg Cannon
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Gray Davis visited a Berkeley company that makes solar panels in what he called "the city of solar power" Friday, where he touted California's commitment to renewable energy and encouraged residents and businesses to do even more.

Renewable energy is "a part of our present. It's a big part of our future," he said.

Davis, surrounded by solar panels, spoke at the headquarters of the PowerLight Corp., which designs, makes and installs large-scale commercial solar electric systems. It has been the beneficiary of \$2 million in state grants since its start in 1991.

Davis boasted that California gets more of its power — 12 percent — from renewable sources than any other state.

He said he supports a California Energy Commission effort to boost that share to 17 percent by 2006 as a way to help "wean ourselves away from reliance on out-of-state megawatts."

Davis said the \$110 million in state spending on renewable energy demonstrated his support for more environmentally friendly power and for greater self-sufficiency in California's power markets.

Not everyone in attendance was convinced.

"They're trying to get the environmentalists to stand up and smile for a photo op while masking the utility bailout," said Barbara George, a public power advocate with the Berkeley group Women's Energy Matters. She was hastily composing protest signs shortly before Davis' arrival.

Shortly after the governor began to speak, George shouted her protests and was soon arrested by Berkeley police. They held her in a car and released her after Davis finished.

Several environmental groups were represented at the visit, including the California Public Interest Research Group, the Sierra Club, and The Utility Reform Network. Davis acknowledged

several of these groups' members during his speech and thanked them for attending.

Some of the groups have been highly critical of Davis' handling of the state energy crisis.

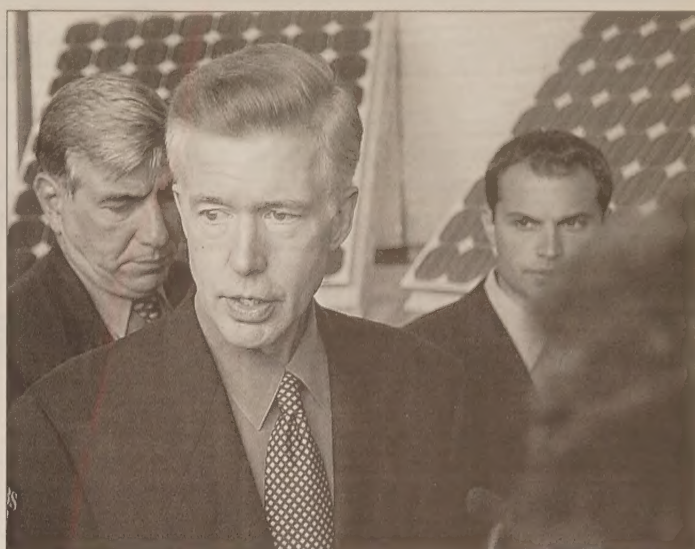
"The money itself is important," Matt Freedman, energy attorney for TURN, said after the speech. "But it's not news, it's not new."

What's important now, Freedman said, is getting the governor to commit to a renewable energy benchmark of at least 20 percent.

Davis expressed interest in the proposal and said he'll decide next month.

The \$110 million Davis spoke of will pay consumer rebates for residents and businesses that buy solar panels and wind turbines and provide incentives for power generators to build renewable energy plants.

Responding to reporters' questions after his speech, Davis said he's confident that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will order refunds from big power generators to California ratepayers and that the order will open up room to renegotiate some of the expensive long-term contracts Davis and the generators have signed.



GOV. GRAY DAVIS stopped in Berkeley at the PowerLight Corporation to speak to a group of community advocates about his commitment to renewable energy.

UC energy saving project receives state funding

UC Berkeley announced this week that a project it is leading to research and develop energy savings methods for the state and the nation is to receive \$100 million in state funding.

The project, Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS), received \$20 million for this year, with a \$100 million commitment overall.

Already one emerging project

idea is to outfit buildings with wireless sensor networks to monitor energy use — technology a university spokesman says could save California as much as \$8 billion in energy costs and 5 million metric tons of carbon each year.

CITRIS is a partnership between the University of California campuses at Berkeley, Santa Cruz, Davis and Merced.

In 2002, CITRIS is to be one of the state's California Institutes

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"I have come to think that sunlight may be a rug's principal nemesis—more to be feared, even, than moths. Sunlight streaming through a window directly onto a rug is virtually guaranteed to harm it, whether morning or afternoon, southern or western sunlight. Naturally dyed rugs and synthetically dyed rugs suffer equally. My advice . . . be careful and keep the curtains closed or have the windows coated with mylar."

This Week at Emmett Eiland's . . . We have just received a shipment of Gabbehs. In many sizes, they're colorful and playful. Come in this weekend to see them.

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

United effort made agreement possible

The following letter was sent to members of the Albany Teachers Association:

On Thursday, July 26, your executive board voted 23-0 with one abstention to present to you for a vote the tentative agreement negotiated by your bargaining team. Before the vote, I asked that each faculty representative consider carefully whether this was an agreement that they could recommend to their constituents. If not, then I wanted them to vote no on sending it to the membership for ratification. As you can see by the vote, this is an agreement that we can live with. I strongly encourage you to vote for it as well.

Your bargaining team deserves the highest praise: Chris Karlen, CTA, Susan Charlip, Negotiations Chair, Loring Barker, Barbara Brunetti, Terry Georgeson, Nancy Johnson, and Barbara Rogers. They are to be commended for the outstanding job they did in presenting the issues to the fact-finding panel. The entire process took many hours and long grueling days presenting and negotiating, all during summer vacation.

This is not a perfect agreement nor does it provide everything that we had hoped for. This tentative agreement is based on the unanimous recommendation of the state-appointed fact-finding panel. By the 2002-03 school year, salaries will have increased by an estimated 19.5 percent compounded. Major components include:

- 1) a 10 percent increase to the salary schedule for the 2000-2001 school year retroactive to March which puts 3.5 percent in your pocket;
- 2) a 1.5 percent increase starting September 2001 based on adding 3 required staff development days;
- 3) another 3.87 percent (COLA) raise in January 2002;
- 4) an estimated 3.2 percent (whatever the COLA turns out to be) raise effective July 2002;
- 5) a beginning teachers' salary of \$34,839 and a highest salary of \$68,399 starting September 2001;
- 6) fully paid health benefits through the 2002-03 school year;
- 7) additional prep time for fourth and fifth grade teachers;
- 8) year-for-year credit adjustments for eligible teachers hired before 1995; and
- 9) an 8 percent raise on the salary schedule for Children Center teachers which puts 3 percent in their pockets for last year, and the same subsequent COLA increase mentioned above.

Without the incredible energy, support, and activism from you teachers, this tentative agreement would not have been possible. I want to thank you. In addition, I must extend special appreciation to your co-chairs of the Strike Committee, Mike Mirabella and Don De Pasquale. These two individuals worked tirelessly to organize the entire community, and yes, we were ready for a strike.

I also thank those teachers who served on the Crisis Committee and the Strike Committee which met weekly this summer: Marge Atkinson, Diana Lamson, Jack McFarland, Geri Scott, Jim Brandy, Maggie Shepherd, Diana Meltzer, Ann Griffith, Rita Elegant, and Leslie Barta. Two parents, Sylvia Gomez who graciously let us meet at her home and Miriam Walden, liaison to the Parents Committee to Support Albany Teachers, deserve our hardest gratitude for their organizing skills, support and insight.

There is no doubt that some

bitterness and anger still hangs in the air. Some might question if it was worth almost two years of difficult struggle? Should we have turned down the original July 2000 offer? Didn't the retirees deserve more? I would have to answer in the affirmative for all three questions for the following reasons. Without question the retirees deserved more money in their pockets, especially if you consider the strong support that they gave our struggle, but in this tentative agreement we all have to compromise to make it work.

Had we accepted the district's original July tentative agreement, this same school board would continue to plead poverty for this year and next. In this tentative agreement we have achieved a major goal: a double-digit salary increase.

Although it has been a long struggle, we are still committed to maintain a competitive salary structure without having to organize for a strike to achieve what we rightfully deserve. We will ensure that future school boards understand this commitment. As a result of our hard work, the community has learned more about the budget process. They now understand that teacher salaries must be made a priority in future budgets.

Most importantly, we have made inroads and alliances with parents that have never before existed, and now we must nurture and strengthen this bond. Miriam Walden and the Parents Committee to Support Albany Teachers have been our strongest allies. This summer they have collected hundreds of pledges from parents throughout the community who were willing to pull their kids out of the classroom in support of our struggle and to honor our picket lines in the event of a strike. We are eternally grateful for their integrity, support and hard work.

We should never have had to struggle so hard and come this close to a strike for a tentative agreement. On July 26, the executive board declared that it will not be business as usual with this school board. Teachers and students suffered needlessly all year long.

We passed a resolution to continue working with the Parents Committee to elect four new board members in November 2002. Any potential candidate must agree that Albany teachers maintain competitive salaries, within or above the average for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. I urge you all to commit to this new strategy.

Our success will mean that we will never again have to hit the streets to gain what we rightfully deserve: fair wages and adequate benefits without increasing class size. The executive board has also directed me to inform you that prior to the ratification meeting of this tentative agreement, the level of your voluntary participation in preparing for the coming school year is left to your individual discretion.

I look forward to seeing you on Sept. 4 in the Little Theater. Refreshments will begin at 8 a.m. and our ratification meeting will start at 8:30 sharp. There will be adequate time for discussion and clarification of the tentative agreement. After the secret ballot vote, you will be released to your respective schools. Our luncheon in Memorial Park will start at noon. Please make every effort to attend. I hope that now the remainder of your summer will be enjoyable and restful.

David De Hart
ATA President

GOVERNOR DAVIS COMES TO BERKELEY TO PROMOTE SOLAR PANEL USAGE



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Immigration and overpopulation

Regarding Tim Aaronson's excellent letter to the Journal (July 20), no one should think that there is a prayer that immigration laws will be changed until the whole nation gets in an uproar about the costs of overpopulation and surplus immigration.

So long as there are more concentrated interests who know what they have to gain by excess immigration, the rest of us who don't speak out for fear of being called selfish or racist or right wing can just grin and bear it until it is too late.

Think about it: Bush is playing a devil's game with Fox who is trying to save his economy with the aid of U.S. taxpayers instead of raising wages in Mexico to a living standard while Bush is so obviously currying the Latino vote. Those Mexicans or Mexican Americans with some ax to grind favor more immigration. Other ethnic blocs ditto. So all politicians of whatever stripe play to these blocs: imagine Trent Lott and Jesse Helms coming out for the amnesty of illegals! Employers want cheap labor, unions want more members, developers want to build houses, retailers want to sell goods, and the reader can probably add other pro-immigrant constituencies, including immigration lawyers.

And don't be fooled by the recent fumbling around in Congress on the subject of modifying the proposed amnesty (a repeat of ten years ago that only encouraged more illegals).

While the focus is on illegals, immigration laws allowing huge numbers of legal immigrants entry not by quota visas but by "chain migration," whereby the parents of U.S. nationals, their siblings and their children and their spouses and their parents and so on and on are allowed to immigrate. Laws regarding sponsors' being financially responsible are not enforced, so that we see an increased demand for public services of all kinds made possible by shenanigans on the part of people who make a living showing people the ropes, based on laws made by legislators looking for votes.

This is not nativist rhetoric. Everyone knows this is true. It is not racist, non-caring, unsympathetic. It is simply a warning that if we do not get our population policies under control, we will one day need to be looking for a way to survive here.

Other nations need to take responsibility for their own over-populations. We can help them but if they insist on placing their cultural or religious beliefs ahead of sustainable levels, there is no way to improve their lot. Certainly overpopulation the U.S. won't solve world overpopulation. Tell that to Congress and the president. Reassure them that we will vote for them if they do right.

Virginia Rice Mason
El Cerrito

On existence

No one would deny that a unique human form begins developing and can be said to be alive at the point of conception.

What is open to consideration is whether "you" exist before this moment or after the body's death.

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

A residents' victory

The green light on the former site of El Cerrito Mill and Lumber is a victory for the residents of the city.

Thanks to the mayor and the three other council members for overturning the Planning Commission's permit denial. As for Mayor Larry Damon, I wonder how many other people would divest their investments for the sake of a city project. I thank him. And thanks also to JMS Developers for hanging in there and working out concessions for the good of all.

Council member Kathy Perka disappointed me with her dissenting vote, but I am sure she will stand behind the majority.

Lee Pernich
El Cerrito

Spend 'wisely'

When the main branch of the Richmond Library reopened after months of down-time and major inconvenience to the adults and kids who frequent it, I was reminded of something we often forget. The library is one of the "jewels" of the city and if it is to continue its high level of public service it needs all the support its residents can muster.

What does President Bush's tax cut have to do with the library? Most of the wind-fall benefits the fat cats who will get the richest part of the pie. But if you are one of the fortunate ones who will receive a modest "slice," consider this. Your refund will not be large nor will it solve any major financial woes you might have.

Instead of spending it frivolously, choose a public or private service that deserves support. Or better yet, act locally and make the Richmond Library your beneficiary. Ask your friends to do the same.

Cecelia Marston
El Cerrito

Waste of our money

On July 19, I received IRS Notice 1275. In big red letters it read: "Notice of Status and Amount of Immediate Tax Relief." Then it said, "Dear Taxpayer, blah, blah, blah ... As part of immediate tax relief, you will be receiving a check in the amount of \$13.50 during the week of July 30." Then there is more information.

I do not know if I received the "incorrect" IRS notice or the "correct" IRS no-

tice. In either case, I will have to think long and hard what to do with my \$13.50. It's not enough to pay my PG&E, telephone or EBMUD bills.

I suppose I could go to Starbucks and buy a pound of coffee. But since I am disabled, I guess I'd better apply the money toward a prescription. It might be nice not to have to decide between whether or not I eat or get my medication.

If I really do get a check for \$13.50, the federal government has probably spent more than that in getting it out my me.

What kind of logic is that? What a waste of taxpayers' money.

John G. Cakos

Olympics are about sports, camaraderie

Whenever I return to China and Taiwan, which I visit frequently, I see most prosperity and personal freedoms. The crackdown on the Falun Gong cult parallels Europe's crackdowns on their own dangerous suicidal messianic cults.

The hate-China crowd is locked in the past, when China suffered under Maoism, but never in Chinese history have average people lived better than now. Regarding human-rights abuses, they exist everywhere. Amnesty International has mentioned England's rule in Ulster, Israel's Palestinian occupation, and our ally Saudi Arabia.

The Beijing Olympic Games will strengthen reformers. About 300,000 Chinese, educated in western universities, brought back progressive ideas. Demands of the Olympics would have strengthened aging warmongers in Beijing, fast losing influence under President Zhang Zhen.

The Taipei Times reported the Taiwanese support the Beijing games; the Taiwanese on the committee voted for them, realizing they will foster peace between them and more human rights. Al Cal, famed dissident Wang Dan publicly agreed.

Right-wing extremists (Jesse Helms and Jerry Falwell) and left-wing (Nancy Pelosi) lead the "Yellow Peril" demagoguery. Republican moderates (President Bush) and Democratic (Sen. Tom Daschle) understand this.

Stop using the Olympics to play politics and foster racial animosity. They should be about sports and camaraderie.

Armand Bonny
Berkeley

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Con artists prey on society's most vulnerable members

On Dec. 8, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, 19-year-old Ed Barnes answered his nation's call and enlisted in the U.S. Army.

He was assigned to the 1st Division, the Big Red One. He was in the first wave to hit Omaha Beach on D-Day, and from then on he was in almost every major battle of the war, including the nightmarish Battle of the Bulge. For his heroics, he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

After the war he married his high school sweetheart, raised three kids, and built a small but successful business. He was active in the community, coaching Little League for more than 20 years.

His wife died last year. A few weeks later, a pleasant-looking woman came up to him at church and said, "Mr. Barnes, do you remember me? I'm Susie; I used to baby-sit for your kids. I just wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear about your wife."

He was touched, and it was like to have a sympathetic ear. So they went out for coffee and talked. Within days, Susie had moved into his home to "take care of him." There was no hunky-dunky; this was strictly a surrogate father-daughter relationship.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

But Susie apparently needed some taking care of herself. For one thing, she had sizable medical and dental bills to pay off, as well as huge credit card debts. Naturally, Ed was only too happy to help.

Within a month she had cleaned out all his bank accounts. She convinced him to liquidate his stocks and give her that money, too. She even talked him into signing over the deed to his house, which she promptly sold out from under him.

Then she vanished.

As you've probably guessed, she was never his babysitter. She never had any medical bills or credit card debts. Her name isn't even Susie. She's a professional con artist who read about Ed's wife's death in the newspaper and used the details in the obituary to create a credible cover story.

And guess who Ed blames? Himself. "How could I have been so stupid?" he asks over

and over again.

As for his kids, they're wracked with guilt, too. "We never even knew about her," says one of his sons. "We should have paid more attention."

But they're wrong to blame themselves, because Ed never had a chance. Susie is very, very good at what she does: robbing old people of their money, their future, their self-respect and their faith in people. The moment she spotted his wife's obit in the paper, he was a goner.

And there are a lot more like her, always on the lookout for new victims (or, as they call them, "mooches.") Every month, an average of 225 new cases of elder abuse are reported in Alameda County alone, and a sizable chunk are fraud cases.

And those are just the cases that get reported. Most elderly victims never complain because, like Ed, they're ashamed to admit they were so gullible. They blame themselves for having "willingly participated" and somehow believe they deserve what happened to them. And they're afraid that if their families find out, they might decide that it's time to put mom or pop in a nursing home.

Why do these criminals tar-

get old people? Because, as Willie Sutton used to say, that's where the money is. Old people own more than half of all the financial assets in this country, and many of these are stocks, bonds, bank accounts, and other assets that can easily be converted to cash.

Old people are also more likely to be at home, which set them up for telemarketing scams. And they grew up in an earlier, more trusting era, so they have a hard time recognizing a fraudulent pitch. Finally, many old people are too polite to just hang up the phone.

"It's safer and faster to rob an old person," says Alameda County Deputy D.A. Laurinda Ochoa. "And it's the closest thing in this world to a sure thing."

The phone is just one of the ways the bad guys use to approach their victims. They also hang out at bus stops, ATM machines, supermarkets, coffee shops, even churches, ever on the lookout for a new "mooch." They drive up and down neighborhoods, knocking on doors to case potential victims.

"They're classic predators," says Ochoa. "Have you ever seen one of those nature documentaries on TV, when a lion isolates the weakest member of a herd of zebras and kills it? That's how these people oper-

ate. As soon as they spot an old person who is alone, or who's moving a little slowly, or showing any other sign of weakness, they mark them. And the chase is on."

How can you spot a con artist? I can tell you what they don't look like: con artists.

"They look like good people," says Ochoa. "Anyone who thinks he can spot a con artist by looking at them is fooling himself. These are very charming, intelligent people who take a lot of effort to make themselves appear as non-threatening as possible."

Have I scared you yet? I sure hope so. At this very moment, this could be happening to your own parents or grandparents, or the kindly elderly couple who live down the block. And you'd never find out until it's too late.

So what can you do? "Get involved!" says Ochoa. "Even if you're not sure whether you should butt in, butt in anyway. Ask questions. If you think your parents might be too embarrassed to tell you, make friends with their neighbors and ask them to keep an eye on your parents, too."

Has the old person suddenly found a "new friend"? Has there been a sudden change in his/her spending patterns? Is

the new friend a little too friendly? Is their offer too good to be true? Do they try to isolate the old person from his/her family and friends?

Whether the old person is a family member or your neighbor, get involved. Trust me: They can't protect themselves. They're amateurs going up against professionals.

At the first warning sign, call Adult Protective Services' 24-hour Hot Line. In Alameda County, the number is 510-567-6894. If you live in Contra Costa County, the toll-free number is 877-839-4347.

And don't dilly-dally about it. These con artists clear out as soon as they've sucked their victim dry. If you wait even a few days, the trail will get cold.

Remember, this is the Greatest Generation we're talking about. These G.I.s and Rosie the Riveters who saved our world deserve a better fate than to spend their old age in poverty and disillusionment.

Shame on the creeps who prey on them. And shame on us if we don't get involved.

Next week: I'll describe some of the most common scams to watch out for.

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Albany

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On July 31, 31-year-old Albany man came to the Albany police station to turn himself in on a Richmond warrant for stealing a car and possession of stolen property in the amount of \$20,000. He was booked and processed. During booking a search warrant was served on his home and various stolen items were recovered. He was additionally charged with four counts of possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, defrauding an innkeeper and possession of counterfeit currency. He was transported to the

Parks

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After to write tickets, "referring to owners not cleaning up their pet's waste."

Also chief among the nights topic was Memorial Park's landscape improvement plan for a tot lot that could mean the replacement of five mature trees — four weebird and one camphor.

The council looked at two options drawn up by city staffers and Parks and Recreation representatives over the last eight weeks. One would remove and replant trees that would come into contact with a new play area while the other called for reworking the improvement plan to find a way to keep the trees.

The Beals Group, the landscape company that designed the plan on the location requested by the community, will be asked to re-evaluate its plans, with the help of an arborist, and look at other sites in the park for a play area. Intentions are to find any possible way to save the trees while finding a new play area.

"I think it's imperative that we keep an eye toward saving the

Night

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inspired by the National Association of Town Watch. Earlier this month the City Council approved a proclamation saying that the evening "provides a unique opportunity for El Cerrito police forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperation, police-community crime prevention efforts."

Mayor Larry Damon, who is safety committee chairman of the Alta Punta neighborhood (NAT) program, is helping to organize a block party at Canyon Park that night. Damon will

Paralegal

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Teachers Association. Negotiators are confident they will win support from union members and the school board. The sides said they were ready to strike has apparently been avoided. "We are still working to afford

Berkeley jail.

On the evening of July 28 a resident on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that thieves stole a bike from her rear yard. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of July 29 a resident on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had stolen a wooden picnic table from her rear yard. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of July 29 a resident on the 1400 block of Thousand Oaks Boulevard reported that vandals had thrown eggs through the front window of her home breaking it and ruining several items inside the home. There were no witnesses.

At about 3:30 a.m. on July

30 the police in the Department of Forestry at Tilden Park reported locating a white '81 Toyota pickup that had been reported as stolen from Albany. The owner was notified.

During the week of July 23 Albany officers towed four vehicles, responded to 12 false alarms, attended to five lost or deceased animals, and assisted five people who were locked out of their house or car. In the domestic arena officers responded to 10 civil disturbances and 77 civil assists. Officers stopped 116 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 82 citations and 34 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to 12 medical emergencies.

trees," said Councilman Jon Ely. "The plan is an either/or and I don't think it has to be an either/or."

Construction is estimated to cost \$802,000 for the replacement of trees or \$813,000 for relocation. Mayor Allan Maris asked for the new report from The Beals Group as quickly as possible since construction is slated to begin in 2002.

At Ocean View Park, plans to add another baseball diamond to the site's northeast corner moved forward. The council moved to change the park's emphasis from a recreational playground to a sports park with two ballfields for both soccer, baseball and softball equipped with lights for night play. A commitment was made to work closely with community groups and the school district to find a way to further strengthen the new plan.

"I am one that believes that this particular field is under utilized," said DiPrisco.

Plans linger concerning what to do with the tennis courts at Memorial Park that will be completely freed next week of portables installed for the temporary Albany High School for the last

four years. The school district is pitching in \$100,000 for any damages incurred during its occupation of the site and now the city has to decide how to replace the courts.

Several options were brought to the table, including relocating the courts to another site, but that notion was met with uneasiness by Maris, who questioned the additional cost for excavation and materials.

The city is leaning toward contracting with a tennis court specialist to evaluate the condition and cost for repair, will further assess the situation first.

Many item's on the night's agenda were pushed back some for re-evaluation. Many city staffers had put in long hours in the past month to get the proposals ready, said Ely, acknowledged their hard work.

"We realize that staff is putting in a lot of effort into this and we don't discount that effort," he said. "It's tough coming up with solutions to emotionally charged situations."

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also make his rounds as mayor with police officers to various other neighborhood gatherings. "I go around with the police to get feedback from a policy standpoint," Damon said. "It serves the purpose of showing that the council and the city staff, in the area of safety, security and safety services, are united in their concerns."

McCormick said his neighborhood will close off the 1300 block of Scott Street for a big kid-friendly outdoor party. "We'll have a big barbecue and have all the kids riding their bicycles and get all the neighbors together." Other blocks will have simpler gatherings for neighbors to meet. "For a lot of the neighborhoods

it's a chance to meet the local officers," in a non-threatening situation McCormick said.

"We get glowing, positive feedback from the neighborhoods about getting to know their neighbors and exchanging information," McCormick said. "Also the contacts with the City Council and police department has been real positive," he added.

For more information about the event call McCormick at 510-237-2852 or police Detective Robert De La Campa of the ECPD at 510-215-4422.

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a beginning teacher with credentials to \$61,262 at the top of the pay scale.

The earliest teachers would get a retroactive payment for the 2000-01 school year would be the end of September.

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OBITUARY

Hal Hallikainen was known for civic involvement

By Peter Felsenfeld

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Kauko Einari "Hal" Hallikainen, a local entrepreneur, inventor and former president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, died July 19 at his home in El Cerrito. He was 85.

Born in Chicago to Finnish parents, Hallikainen was 2 when the Germans seized a ship he and his parents were traveling on early during World War I. Later released, the family lived in Finland for several years before moving to Southern California.

Hallikainen graduated from California Polytechnic University

with a degree in electrical engineering in 1937. While serving in the Navy during World War II, he married Margaret Mary Orr, who died in 1970.

After the war, Hallikainen moved to Richmond and in 1952 founded Hallikainen Instruments and Associates, a group of companies that designed and manufactured medical and scientific instruments. He sold his companies in the 1970s.

An avid yachter, Hallikainen owned several boats, including the 68-foot "Tempest," previously owned by actress Julie Andrews.

In addition to his Chamber of Commerce activities, Hallikainen was president of the Council of

Richmond Industries, president of the Berkeley Manufacturer's Association and a director of the Berkeley YMCA.

He is survived by Norma Simmons, a companion of many years; sons Harold and David; daughters Suzanne Hallikainen Gerwick and Jan Hallikainen Hamilton; and numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Francis Yacht Club Foundation, St. Francis Yacht Club, On the Marina, San Francisco, CA, 94123, or the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, 3391 11th St., Richmond, CA, 94801.

El Cerrito

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year-old man and a 31 year-old woman at an apartment complex in the 10200-block of San Pablo Avenue engaged in "mutual combat" during an argument. There were no reported injuries.

On July 5 at 2:24 a.m. a 23-

year-old El Cerrito man was arrested for drunk driving. The suspect admitted to police that he had been driving while intoxicated. Earlier that night the suspect had collided with a telephone pole at the intersection of Fairmount and San Pablo avenues. The suspect had left the scene of the collision for his Ramona Avenue home.

On July 4 at 1:45 a.m. a 39-year-old Berkeley woman was arrested for possession of a hypodermic syringe that possibly contained the drug methamphetamine. The woman was riding a bicycle on Portola Drive near Ranchito Court when she was stopped by police.

Humanistic

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guiding our lives."

The group was formed in the East Bay 15 years ago and today has a membership of more than 150. It has ties to The Society for Humanistic Judaism and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews. There are more than 37 congregations in the United States and Canada affiliated with The Society for Humanistic Judaism.

"We have atheists; we have agnostics and we have people who are just uncomfortable with the usual religious liturgy that refers to a higher power" Grossman said.

"I want to maintain my Jewish identity and all the connections that I had when I was a youngster," said Lee Spanier of Berkeley when asked why he is a member of Kol Hadash. Spanier, 79, was a founding member of Humanistic Judaism in Detroit in 1963 and has been a member of the Northern California Community for Humanistic Judaism since moving to the area 14 years ago.

"I went to Hebrew school in the mainline Jewish tradition of Reform Judaism. But after my Bar Mitzvah, I really gave it up because I couldn't see the existence of a God in a very hypothetical way," Spanier said. "It just didn't make sense to me as I became a young adult in college and I actually drifted away from Judaism until 1963 when I joined the humanistic Jewish group."

"God is not the center of my theology," Spanier said to explain his belief. "Humanistic Judaism relies on the individual to do what he can to improve his life and to take care of whatever crises he runs into. Where was God during the Holocaust? That's one of the basic key questions.

Why pray to a supernatural being?"

There may have been no God present at Friday evening's Kol Hadash Shabbat, but there was song and ceremony, candles, learning, remembrances and a sense of community. Rose Levine, coordinator of the decent outreach program at the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, gave a slide presentation about magic and folk beliefs in the Jewish tradition. (Levine is not a member of Kol Hadash.) As candles burned on a decorated table, Shabbat leader Barbara Nemoynen led the group in song.

"How lovely is the light of the world. How lovely is the light within the people. How lovely is the light of Shabbat," the group said together, first in Hebrew and then in English. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for people to come together, to live together in unity and peace," Nemoynen said to the group.

Towards the end of the celebration, candles were lit by people to remember friends and

loved ones. A woman lit a candle to remember a neighbor who recently died and a man lit a candle in remembrance of his mother who died 63 years ago this month.

"People in this congregation are atheist who have a very, very strong sense of Jewish identification, but not because of their affiliation or sense of connection with a God or an organized universe, but with Jewish tradition," Nemoynen said to describe the group. She does not believe in God. "I've never seen any evidence or need for God concept," she said when asked why she is an atheist. Nemoynen, 71, is a friendly woman with a quick laugh and out-going manner. She said members of Kol Hadash have a "Jewish ethical way of looking at things."

"A lot of the things that we do concern our perception of the universe as a place in which we have responsibility," Nemoynen said. "We have the power to change it and we have the desire and the need to change the world around us."

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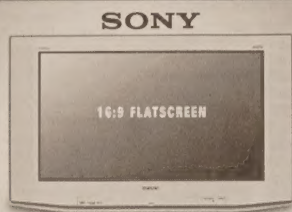


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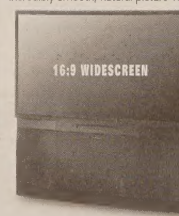


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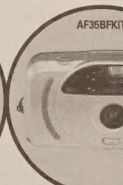
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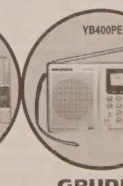
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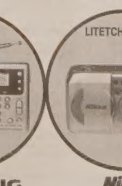
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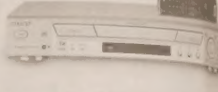
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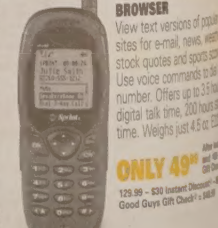
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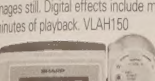
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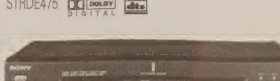
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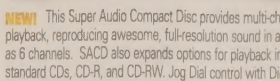
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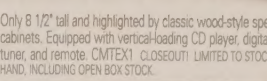
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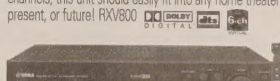
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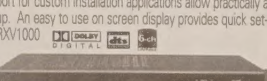
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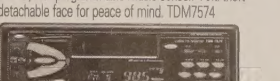
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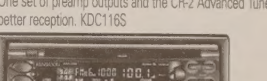
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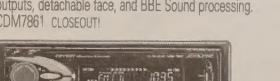
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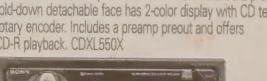
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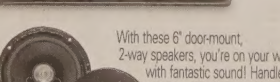
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Ancient mounds offer insight on local native culture

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — In the first of four talks about ancient native sites of the East Bay, Ohlone Indian Andrew Galvan said native bones should be allowed to tell their stories and professor Edward Luby said that Bay Area shellmounds may have had a more complex role in native life than previously thought.

According to a 1999 article published in the Cambridge Archaeological Journal by Luby and Mark Gruber of the Department of Sociology/Anthropology at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., large and small shellmounds were found along the central California coastal shores and bays.

These elevated mounds, once numbering in the hundreds around the San Francisco Bay, were thought to be refuse heaps by early European settlers and most have been destroyed by later urban development.

The shellmounds of the San Francisco Bay area in particular sometimes contain thousands of burials in large deep sites, the article states.

"I am an Indian," Galvan said. "My

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grandmother said we were Indians. In our family we've never had a problem being Indians." Galvan said his grandmother (born in 1890) told stories about native life in the area that have been proven by archeological findings in the field.

As a young man Galvan was en-

couraged to "use the white man's tools to prove to the white man the Indian ways."

"Archaeology is about asking questions and answering those questions," Galvan told the audience of about 60 people. "It's not about having the answer and then trying to find the question — that happens often in archeology."

Galvan is co-owner of the archaeological firm Archaeor (Greek for "old things"), and his special love is the California Missions.

Galvan said much can be learned by the respectful and scientific study of prehistoric human skeletal remains, but that some American Indians are opposed to such osteological studies because in the past they were powerless and not consulted. He said that laws now give native descendants legal power and rights.

While not advocating intentional excavations, Galvan said that to re-bury prehistoric native bones uncovered during construction and development projects without first respectfully and scientifically studying

them is analogous to re-burning the library at Alexandria.

"Who were the people that lived here for the last 3,000 years as opposed to the recorded history of the last 100 years of Berkeley?" Galvan asked.

"Indian folk need to also carry the banner that the history that is local is part of the state history; it's part of our national history and bottom line it's part of world history," he said. "The larger picture must be understood." He said that, "To know — to learn — to study," is power.

Luby, research archaeologist with the Berkeley Natural History Museums, said local prehistoric shellmounds should be viewed through a "new interpretive lens" that considers their symbolic importance and meaning. "I'm going to try to change the way people think about shellmounds in Berkeley and the San Francisco Bay Area," he said.

"Shellmounds were places of mortuary feasting," Luby said. "Shellmounds must have had a role in mortuary ceremonialism. Although

shellmounds were the places where people were physically buried, it's likely that this is the only thing that happened at the site."

Shellmound sites likely had social and economic functions in the native society as well, Luby said. He said likely a "strong link" existed between burial location and mortuary feasting and that surplus foods and goods were probably redistributed at the sites.

"Shellmounds can be viewed as places of habitation, but also as places of the dead," Luby said. "If we view shellmounds as places of feasting, emony, exchange, families gathered to remember the dead, with people living atop parts of them — can we truly perceive of these sites any longer as trash heaps? I think not. The shellmounds would be layered with significance," he said.

"These incredible sites must be stretched across generations, signifying the successful accumulation of food as well as the importance of caring and remembering the ancestors."



TUE NAM TON/STAFF

Colorful creations filled the sky over the Berkeley Marina at the annual kite festival last weekend included over 1,000 small kites made by kids at the kite-making booth.

Colorful kite festival takes imaginations on flights of fancy

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

The 16th annual Berkeley Kite Festival brought tens of thousands of people and more than 1000 kites to Cesar E. Chavez Park at the Marina last weekend. There were giant flying octopi and squid kites, a giant teddy bear kite, twirling and twisting kites, airplane kites, diamond kites, silver revolving UFO kites and a giant red "ground bouncer" caterpillar kite. One kite that was supposed to look like a prehistoric crab was more than 200 feet long from head to tail.

"They look like real animals

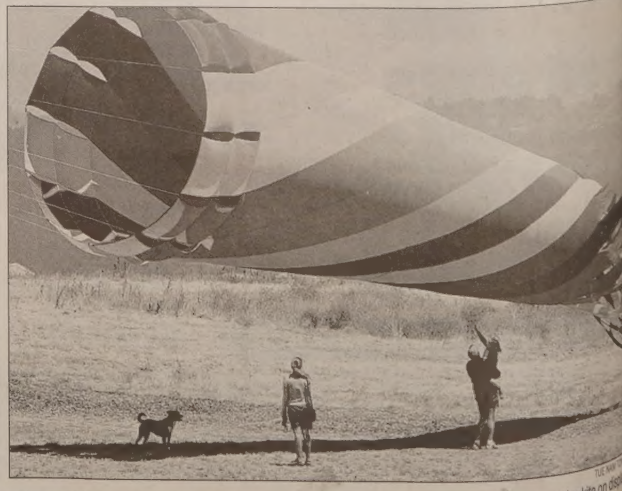
in the air flying" said 6-year-old Christopher Petefish of Danville, who came to the festival with mom and dad. Christopher said that looking at all the kites makes him feel like flying too. "We just wanted to see all the kites," he said.

The Berkeley Kite Festival includes the West Coast Kite Championships and has a national and international reputation among kitefliers. "We estimate 20,000 to 25,000 people over the two days," said Tom McAlister of Highline Kites of Berkeley, organizer of the festival.

More than 1,200 small kites were made at the kite-making booth for kids. McAlister said "The world champion kite was held here in 1992 — it's a deal."

Ron Despojado, a six-time kite flying champion, said he brought out the kid in all of us as close as we get to flying out leaving the ground," he said after giving the crowd a demonstration of what he calls a "quad" (four-string) kite.

Despojado's earnings as a kite architect in La Jolla, Calif., in 1990 kites have become a



TOM BRANCA (right) of Oakland holds up his daughter Rebecca, 7, to touch a tube kite on display. friend Suzy Holsinger of Berkeley and her dog "Hannah", 4, look on during the Kite Festival at the Berkeley Marina on Saturday.

Bay Trail is just one nearby haven for a relaxing stroll

Through the past few years, amongst the writers, artists, community activists and others I have written about, there have been several people and places who have worked very hard to make the Bay Area a better place for those who stroll. So I decided to do a walking myself and visit some of the places that, through the work of these people and the many many whom we haven't named, make our area a better place.

The most obvious place to go is the Bay Trail, that wonderful path that meanders its way along the water, mostly along a little inland, and some day make a complete circle of the San Francisco

have not even tried to walk along it, or even any particular portion. But that little bit of the trail that it must be taken to the dubs and dabs.

The part of the Bay Trail that I best start at Point Isabel. I always make it a point to go for a bit in the dog walking, enjoying the happy, free and their loving people. So we start at Point Isabel and walk toward Richmond. I know that whole area really is beautiful, but it is so free, so natural and so beautiful that I think of it as belonging to one city. We usually end our walk at the advent of homes in Richmond Marina area. It is not a terribly long walk, but it is along the water, with its changing lights and movements, and birds investigating the potential for food in others. Hard to describe. Just an open, inviting way to walk, with other people passing with an occasional "Hi," or "Good evening".

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I've only just gotten acquainted with the Albany area. I used to walk to the "bulb" by climbing over railroad tracks to get across to the trail, and on the trail clambering over large concrete blocks and other dribs and drabs of debris. What a pleasure to be able to cross the roads with lights that stop the traffic, and to find the trail so well defined and easy to traverse.

I love the small sighting facilities along the trail and particularly love the bird sighting area with the sign board giving one

pictures and names of the many varieties of birds you see there. When I was there very recently the Canadian Geese had taken over and were there in droves. Among them, however, one could see a few ducks, several with that wonderful blue green coloring that makes them teal. And every now and then the noble white head of an egret, standing tall and handsome amongst his brownish colored cousins.

There are other places. I have wandered into the areas of the creeks that have been opened and made available to walkers, browsers and resters. When you know that most of these have been hidden by concrete culverts for 10, these many years, you really appreciate their openness and availability. And they do make very attrac-

tive little spots of the wild, just steps away from the heavy traffic of streets like Marin. Here you can sit and listen to the wind wafting through the trees, playing in the leaves and tangling your hair. Peaceful and beautiful.

And, of course, there is Albany Hill, that weird little knob that is so important to the citizens of both Albany and El Cerrito. I remember living in El Cerrito and looking out my window to that little knob of green that gave the area its distinction. Now I live on Albany Hill and feel a great spurt of joy whenever I approach my home after being away, and see the silly high rises against that noble little hill.

I have tried taking Botanist Barbara Erter's list of the plants that grow on Albany Hill when I

have walked there, but just walking amongst them is so delightful that I soon forget to name them.

I have much more to do. I have yet to stop and look at Baxter Creek, although I pass it every time I drive from my home to my children's in Richmond. And I mean to go find out what they are doing with Canyon Trail Park in El Cerrito, where my daughter once served as director. But there is time for all that. And isn't it wonderful that we have all of that right here at our doors.

Have a beautiful walk.

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Judo students shine in championships

MONTEREY — Several students from the East Bay Judo Institute in El Cerrito won national honors through their performances at the 2001 U.S. Judo Federation Jr. and Youth National Championships held July 14-15 in.

Jessica Hsieh, 16, went 2-1 before she had to withdraw from competition with an injury. The match she would have competed in was for the silver medal. Instead, Jessica settled for the Bronze medal in the Female Juvenile B under 48kg division.

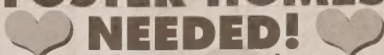
Dale Hata, 12, went 5-1 in the Male Intermediate under 49kg division, losing in the gold medal match by the narrowest of margins. Dale came back to win the silver medal match, thereby garnering his first medal in national competition.

Marija Djikic, 16, went 3-1 in the Female Juvenile C under 63kg division, losing in the gold medal match by a decision to her rival Cindy Imai from Los Angeles. Marija came back to win the silver medal handily.

Newcomer Marti Mallow, 15, went 4-0 to take the gold medal in the Female Juvenile B under 57kg division. Her final match included a come from behind win with uchimata for wazari, or half-point, to seal her victory.

Stephanie Hata, 16, went 2-0 to take the gold medal in the Female Juvenile C under 48kg division.

This was her third consecutive gold medal in this national competition, and she adds it her silver medal performance at the 2001 U.S. High School National Championships, her gold medal performance at the 2001 U.S. Senior National Championships, and her gold medal performance at the 2001 Gothenberg International Invitational Championships in Sweden.

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Shareef Dajani, former classified advertising manager and recruitment sales manager for Contra Costa Newspapers, has joined the Hills Newspapers as general manager.

Dajani has been in the newspaper business since 1993, when he started as a classified sales representative with the Ledger Dispatch. Later, he moved into auto, real estate and retail advertising, both for the company's weekly community newspapers and for the San Jose Mercury News. He has also served as online product manager.

He has been active in numerous chamber of commerce and downtown associations.

"I'm looking forward to working with the communities in the areas where the Hills Newspapers circulate," he said. "I have already met a lot of civic leaders, merchants and citizens and I am eager to become more involved with the communities."

"The papers have been in great hands with former general manager Ruth Maricich. I will do my best to provide the same level of professionalism and involvement that she provided."

Maricich, former general manager for Hills Newspapers, started with the company 29 years ago, moving from her first job in circulation into sales and management.

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Weekly Home Sales Maintain your focus on the East Bay real estate scene [B8]
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Mediterranean classic in Oakland's Lakeshore District

BY MARK A. WILSON
CORRESPONDENT

The Lakeshore District of Oakland is one of the more prestigious Bay neighborhoods. Most of the homes in this area are spacious family residences designed in the historic styles that were popular in the early 1900s. The more prominently situated houses in the district have just come on the market for the first time in 45 years: a classic Mediterranean Revival-style home at 1100 Mandana Blvd.

The home commands a corner lot with its upslope lot with the massive sweep of its elegant facade facing toward the San Francisco Bay, and many of the rooms on the main floor have a view of downtown Oakland, the waters of the bay and the hills of San Francisco beyond.

This impressive residence was built in 1925 by Moritz A. Rose, a highly successful homebuilder in Oakland. He also served as the architect for this house, and he used his own contracting firm of Covey and Rose for the construction.

During its 76-year-long history, the home has had several owners. Current owners, Dr. James and Winifred Watson, bought the house in 1956, and raised five children.

Classic combination

The home's exterior combines features of both the Italian Renaissance and Spanish Colonial, a popular practice with the designers of Mediterranean Revival homes during the first 40 years of the 20th century. The Italian Renaissance features include: enclosed rooms dividing the house, round arched doorways, window frames and a portico to the entry way with spiraled columns.

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The Spanish Colonial features include: red clay tiles on the roof, projecting beam ends under the overhanging portion of the roofline, a Moorish pointed archway set into the portico and a Spanish Baroque style curved wall lining the staircase leading to the front door.

There is also a large deck in front of the portico framed by a curved balcony wall with wide balusters set into the middle.

A wide bow-front bay window graces the south end of the living room, with faceted columns between its banded windows.

The view from this window is of the trees across the street, while the arched window at the front of the living room looks out over the port of Oakland towards the bay.

Original features

The interior maintains almost all of its original historic features. The entry foyer is lined with Spanish tiles. The floors in the front rooms are hardwood, with parquet floors in the living room, and a geometric mahogany inlay pattern in the dining room.

The living room has six original gold-painted plaster wall sconces,



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rich oak paneled double doors, and a fireplace with pilasters framing the over-mantel. A Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired pink sandstone facing was added during a remodeling in 1959.

The dining room has an unusual barrel-vaulted ceiling. There are very colorful tiles with wave patterns below the windows, which have wide square panes with wood lattices.

The round arched motif is also used on the doorway leading from the dining room to the central hallway. There are views out over the trees across the Bay from these windows.

The kitchen and breakfast room behind it were remodeled by the current owners circa 1959. The break-

fast room has light wood grained paneling, and louvered shutters on its wide wood latticed windows.

The view from these windows are of the pleasantly landscaped greenery in the yard, and the breakfast room has warm natural light that floods in from its windows.

History panels

One of the most interesting features of the house is a set of original hand-painted panels on the walls of the central stairway, with scenes of Spanish missions on them. The house also retains most of its original cut glass door handles, and ornate hardware on the doors. The three bedrooms upstairs

all have their old hardwood floors. There are two full baths on this floor.

Downstairs are three more bedrooms and a full bath. There is a bow front bay window in the front bedroom, with a handsome curved window seat.

There is a deep walk-in closet in this bedroom, and there is a lot of extra storage downstairs. The entry door from the street has a nice Moorish style window set into it. The attached two car garage is to the right of this doorway, allowing access directly into the house.

Dr. and Mrs. Watson bought the house in 1956, when they already had three children and another one on the way.

During the 45 years they lived here and raised their five children in this house, they had deep roots in the cultural life of the East Bay. James Watson worked as a physician for 45 years most of those years at Herrick and Alta. Bates Hospitals in Berkeley. He was president of the medical staff at Herrick Hospital for several years.

Winifred Watson has been a prominent figure in the formation and preservation of Oakland's cultural landmarks. She served as a commissioner at the Oakland Museum for 25 years, from 1967 until 1992.

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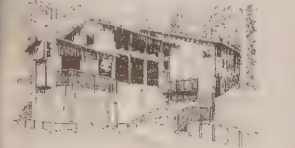
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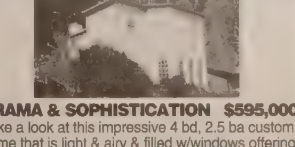
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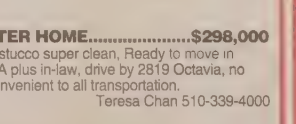
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THE DINING ROOM OF THE HOME AT 1100 MANDANA BLVD. in Oakland has an unusual barrel-vaulted ceiling, mahogany-inlaid floors. The latticed windows with their Spanish tiles offer a view of San Francisco Bay.

Classic

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During that time she was involved in the decision to build the current museum complex. She was also on the Executive Board of the Oakland Symphony for many years, during the period that the Paramount Theater was restored to provide a permanent home for the symphony. One of her sons was on a Pop Warner Football team in grade school with Dave Stewart, the MVP pitcher for the Oakland A's in the late '80s and early '90s.

Dr. Watson described to me what he liked most about living in this house for nearly half a century. "I like the spaciousness of the

house, which was very good for raising a large family. It allows the adults to have some privacy from their children."

Mrs. Watson remarked that "I like the curved front windows, where we could look out over the San Francisco hills, and the pine trees across the street. These views really bring the outdoors into the indoors, and the windows bring a lot of light into the house."

The house has a total of 3,785 square feet of living space. There are a total of nine rooms in all, including six bedrooms, as well as three full baths. The 5,294 square foot lot has a lovely, private fenced side yard. In front of the house there are a number of beautifully sculpted bushes, a decorative art called top-

iary that originated in the Italian Renaissance. This classic Mediterranean Revival house is being offered at \$875,000.

It will be held open this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information, or to arrange a showing, contact the listing agent, Barbara Hopper of the Claremont Office of Prudential California Realty. She can be reached at her office phone number, 510-845-0211, or her voice mail number, 510-986-9553.

Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Prudential California Realty's Albany office. He can be reached at 510-273-9383. Visit him at www.topbroker.com/wilson.

Patios are back in today's yards

Homeowners have returned to the original outdoor feature as an alternative to decks

BY JIM QUINN
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

The patio is back. There was a time, back when Mom and Dad were newlyweds, that patios were everywhere.

Baby boomers in the 1950s grew up in suburban, look-alike ranch homes that featured back yards with little concrete pads big enough for a few lawn chairs, a charcoal grill and a couple of fiki-style citronella candles.

The patio fell from favor when the boomers bought their own homes and equipped them with sprawling outdoor decks constructed from pressure-treated lumber. Now, it seems, the pendulum is swinging back.

"I think that what has happened is that people are getting tired of the maintenance their decks need," said Al Sickles, a landscape designer in North Canton, Ohio. "I've seen decks that were falling apart after only six or seven years, and it just gets harder to maintain them with every passing year."

Increasingly, he said, homeowners are replacing their decks

with patios built from brick or concrete pavers, or with combination deck-patios that avoid what Sickles calls "the boat dock look." One attraction of patios is that homeowners can build one themselves to save money, or hire a professional to save time. Either way, it's possible to add a patio behind your home in as little as one weekend.

Let's start by looking at the do-it-yourself route, then consider the advantages of hiring a pro.

Homeowners who want to save money and enjoy the pleasures of building a patio with their own hands are likely to start by visiting their local home center and asking for help from someone such as Rob Hamer. Hamer, a landscape designer for Home Depot in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, advises customers on materials and construction methods for the patio they want to build.

Hamer and Sickles both said that one reason for the increased popularity of patios over decks is the improved selection of materials. The standard of the past — red paving bricks — is still available, but is increasingly challenged by a wide variety of concrete paving stones that come in many different shapes and colors.

Weathered-looking, earth-tone pavers that are reminiscent of cobblestones are popular with consumers who have a traditional style

of home, while sharp-edged blocks in unusual colors and forms are favored by people trying to build a patio for a modern style home, Hamer said.

He said that manufacturers encourage do-it-yourselfers by providing free booklets that give amateurs step-by-step instructions on the design and construction of patios. "If a couple came in here and told me they wanted to build their own patio, I'd give them a project pack they could take home," he said. Hamer also said he will happily design a patio for customers, but most people want to do that job themselves.

Traditionally, patios have been shaped like rectangles, which are easier to design and build. However, consumers are increasingly interested in patios with curved borders, and Hamer said there's no reason do-it-yourselfers can't build

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A look around the real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

ATTENTION PUBLIC

Architecture in Alameda

The Alameda Museum presents a lecture series beginning in September. This six part, 2001-2002 series covers local architecture to windows to neon. Lecturers are Bay Area authors and historians. The first lecture in the series is on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. "The Total Bungalow" is presented by author Paul Duchscherer. This timely lecture is the perfect preparation before attending "Bungalow Day" in Alameda, on Sunday, Sept. 16. For series information call Judith Lynch at 510-748-0796.

Title Topic At Alameda Inform

The public is always welcome at the Alameda Association of Realtors Inform Meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday, Aug. 14 beginning with registration and networking at 8:45 a.m. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's speaker is Robert Silverman, Attorney at Law of Berding & Weil. Silverman is speaking on the different ways of holding title and the new community property with right to survivorship laws. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact Kristen McMahan of AAR at 510-523-7229.

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ARP NETWORK BREAKFAST

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARP) holds a networking breakfast on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's breakfast is on August 15 from 8 to 10 a.m. The Oak Tree Grille on Embarcadero in Oakland is the location. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum. For more information call Bridget Cain of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

NO BAR LUNCHEON

There is no networking luncheon in August for the Berkeley Association of Realtors. The monthly luncheon begins again in September. Watch this column in September for details.

FUN FOOD AND BASEBALL WITH WCR

Take me out to the ball game. Join the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter presents the annual President's Party, a tailgate and baseball night. Beginning at 5 p.m. with food and fun. Game time (the Oakland A's versus New York) is 7 p.m. For ticket information call Ramona Chang of Chang & Hardean at 510-482-3800 or Frankie Hartwell of Midnight Appraisal Service at 510-638-1755.

ASSISTANT TRAINING POSTPONED

The Oakland Association of Realtors' "The Assistant Training Program," has been postponed until September. Real Estate Business Service, Inc., a subsidiary of The California Association of Realtors will instruct. Assistants will learn the steps of the transaction, what they can and cannot do and technology to make their jobs easier. The program is divided into four courses: Course I, "Basic Training for Assistants"; Course II, "Beyond the Basics for Assistants"; Course III, "In's & Out's of a Transaction Coordinator"; and Course IV, "Technology for Assistants." The fee for the complete four course program is \$195 or \$75 per course. For registration or an informational flyer contact Mary Walton at the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

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NEWS FOR MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

GAMB Convention The California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CABM) is holding their Annual Convention and Exposition from August 8 to 10, Saturday, August 10, at the Hilton in Reno Nevada. CABM convention location is in Reno Nevada. CABM registration information is on the CABM web site at www.cabmweb.org.

Fabulous Fitnes For Ladies The next meeting of the Ladies Association of Realtors (LAR) is a theme party "August Nites". Members and guests are asked to dress in '80s and '60s costume attire. The party is at the Crow Canyon Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 9 with a start time of 7 p.m. A barbecue buffet is included. Put on that poolside pegged jeans and give the Hotline a call for reservations at 746-1847.

Breakfast Club Join the lively Wednesday morning breakfast meetings sponsored by the California Association of Realtors (CAR) in the San Francisco area. They are held every Wednesday at the Olympic boulevard. Start time is promptly at 8:15 a.m. Fast refreshments are served. info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of Commercial Real Estate Service at 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

George Tribble, managing partner of Jetstream Mortgage Services, was nominated to the National Association of Mortgage Brokers board of directors. Tribble is president of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers. All of luck, call Tribble at 510-444-4444. Someone new at your party? Something special for your party is done? Changing location? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. All my contact info is listed below.

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The spa industry growth continues as the consumer is left with the choice of "choose-the-right-one?" We can help.

The spa experience is without doubt enjoyable and therapeutic. According to Jeff Kurth, chairman of the National Spa and Pool Institute and CEO of Marquis, "A spa provides buoyancy that relieves 90 percent of the force of gravity on the human body. Heat dilates blood vessels and increases the flow of nutrients to damaged muscle tissue, flushing out toxins that make you feel sore. The hydrotherapy part also helps to massage the toxins out of the body."

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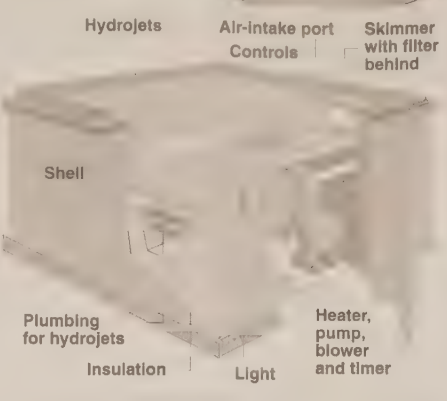
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Anatomy of a spa

A spa is a self-contained unit, surrounded by a skirt that hides the shell, insulation and the support equipment. The use of hot water for therapy and relaxation dates back to the Romans. Today, homeowners are incorporating spas into their homes.



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number of stations. These are key elements to comfort in a spa.

Doctor knows best

Check with your doctor and your insurance carrier. Some insurance companies will cover the cost of a home spa. If you have no insurance coverage, check with your accountant to see if you can deduct all or part of the cost of your spa from your income taxes.

Spas, like swimming pools, can be used year-round. But as we know, swimming pools are best on hot days. This is not necessarily so with spas. We think spas are most fun when it's cold. There is nothing like sitting in a spa on a cool fall or winter early morning looking up at the stars.

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Mortgage rates inch down

McLean, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.03 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending July 13.

This bellwether rate fell 5 basis points last week's average of 7.08 percent. A year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.13 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.58 percent, with an average cost of 0.9 point, down from last week's average of 6.65 percent. A year

ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.29 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.72 percent this week, with an average 0.9 point, rising from last week's average of 5.62 percent. This time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 7.29 percent.

"In keeping with Freddie Mac's economic forecasts, mortgage rates have remained below 7.25 percent since the end of last year," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac chief economist.

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Fitting into a new 'container'

■ Our friend and client
Judy Alvarez recently sold her Berkeley home. In her second article, Judy talks about her feelings while getting things ready.

Number 373 in a series of true experiences in real estate

It is now the middle of July, and I have been preparing my house for sale. This has been going on for three and a half months — a very long time.

From April until mid-June, I packed, painted, cleaned, renewed, weeded, painted some more, had the hauler come and did even more painting. I had inspections done and some things repaired. I also left some things alone — the new owners might have a dog and therefore need my rather funky dog door. But the bottom line is that I did a lot of work.

I learned three things: first, I'm not as young as I used to be. Second, the very process of packing, painting and cleaning changes not only improved the appearance of the house, but the way I feel about it.

Rooms that were once cozy, now echo. There does not seem to be any place that I belong — no "nest" to snuggle up in. I could once again see the "bones" of the house without being distracted by my things. I have loved this house for 35 years, and now realize that it is not as young as it used to be either, and along with good bones, it also has a few warts.

The third thing is that a house is just a container — and what is inside the container is more important than the container itself.

And although some containers are prettier than others, (a value judgement), they must still be appropriate for what they are intended to hold. I realize now that this house had become an extension of my personality rather than the definition of my personality.

Once I had done the prep work — both emotional and physical — it was time to bring in the "stager" to enhance the features of the house, make it look exciting, and give potential buyers hints regard-

ing how they might transform this house into their home.

This was much more difficult than I had thought. First, I needed to be gone, so I moved in with a friend for the staging and could not move back until we had a pending sale. This period was to be a minimum of 11 days. I have gone on some memorable vacations that have been shorter! But I did creep back every morning to pick up clean clothes and check my e-mail. And, as I was with good company, the time passed quickly.

What a difference the stager made! She brought in miles of things — carpets, linens, more paintings and prints, vases, bowls, mats, sconces, candles, and great bunches of glorious flowers. She added curtains to the windows (I had never needed them, but they "softened things"). And she moved about half the existing things to new locations.

The items she brought were, I am certain, beautiful, but they weren't my things, and they looked very strange taking up residence in my residence. It took on a surreal quality, the very familiar and the totally foreign all in different places, and had an unsettling effect on me. I guess I wasn't quite as far along in the "letting-go" process as I had thought.

Another disquieting aspect centered around color. I am very affected by color and have a very definite palate which runs to mulberry, peace, soft gray, pale teal, and shades of white.

The stager introduced bright golds, yellow, pink and orange. I did not like meeting these colors in my house (another step backward in letting go), but with a little effort, I have become used to them. I have accepted the fact that others find these colors exciting and new. But accepting and liking are two different things.

Some of the items she brought in were "orientalia" — again, not my preference. I would rather have Italian pieces, or even country French, but I reminded myself as often as necessary that these choices were not a reflection of me — they were just things to make the house look new.

After the predicted 11 days had elapsed, we accepted an offer,



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pending inspections. As we had already done these inspections and the reports had been made available to potential buyers, we did not anticipate any big surprises — plus I could live in the house again.

Wrong on both accounts. Their inspectors thought the repairs would be more expensive than my guys predicted. (Both sets of inspectors are well regarded by all the involved agents).

Back to the negotiating table. And I will never "live" here again. I will "exist" or "camp" or "tread lightly" but not live. It is no longer my house. It doesn't look, smell or function as my house had. It belongs to someone else.

The negotiations resolved to everyone's satisfaction, and as soon as the bank funds, the sale is over. I will be moving in less than a month.

For the past several weeks, I have been remodeling a small apartment and an adjacent large "hobby room" located a few miles from here. It is a very exciting thing to do, and I am lucky enough to have an outstanding contractor.

My new "container" will be very different from the old one, but I have learned that I can and will extend/expand my personality and personal items to fill the new space. And that it will be different.

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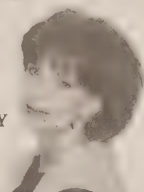


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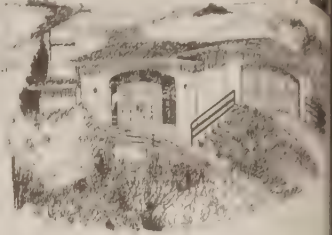
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175 Mountain Avenue **\$1,595,000**
Classic traditional on a corner lot in central Piedmont. 4+BR/2.5BA, family room, gardens, pool and extra spaces for office or exercise room. Gorgeous! Mindy Scott

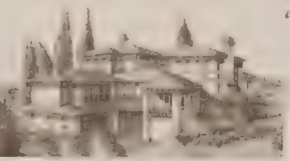
26 Hampton Road **\$1,250,000**
A one of a kind, Piedmont gem across from a beautiful park! Professionally decorated & landscaped, this charming home offers 2BR & gourmet kitchen. Anian Pettit Tunney

431 Pacific Avenue **\$995,000**
View • View • View! This home boasts fabulous views, spacious rooms, a great floor plan with lovely hardwood floors, 4BR/3BA and a rumpus room. Sandra Vogl



22 Olive Avenue **New Listing \$699,000**
This spacious custom Piedmont home has all the right spaces: 5BR/2+BA, family room, rumpus room, level garden & 2-car garage. Sheila Gallagher

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7101 Marlborough Terr. New Listing \$1,395,000
OAKLAND. Exquisite new home w/sweeping views, fabulous design details & quality finishes. Gourmet kitchen, luxurious master, family room, library & 4+BR/3.5BA. Sherry Benninger

13454 Campus Drive **New Listing \$1,350,000**
OAKLAND. This exceptional new home is set in the hills w/ peaceful views. Superior craftsmanship thru-out. Gourmet kitchen. 4BR/2.5BA + library/office. Jill Carrigan

1650 Grand View Drive **\$1,250,000**
OAKLAND. Dramatic new home w/sweeping Bay view & fabulous floor plan. Exquisite master retreat, spacious family room + library & media room. 4+BR/4.5BA. Steve Michaelides

13000 Skyline Blvd. **New Price \$1,095,000**
OAKLAND. Dramatic country estate on a level acre w/Mt. Diablo views. Large kitchen, family room & 4BR/3.5BA. Charming guest cottage. Michelle Winchester

901 Paramount Road **\$995,000**
OAKLAND. Crocker Highlands classic traditional w/arched doors, hardwood floors, leaded glass windows & high ceilings. Updated kitchen & baths. 3BR/2.5BA. James Garcia

843 Longridge Road **New Listing \$949,000**
OAKLAND. Elegant & spacious 4BR/2.5BA with cook's kitchen/family room, stunning living room, beautiful master suite, garden & 2-car garage. Nancy Lehrkind

5915 Claremont Ave. **New Listing \$769,500**
OAKLAND. Spacious & light 3BR/2BA home plus income cottage. Deck, garden & 2 car garage. Great location close to BART, shops & restaurants. Donna DeBardi

1039 Clarendon Crescent **New Listing \$795,000**
OAKLAND. Charming French country w/stenciled wooden beams, cathedral ceilings, Juliette balcony, leaded windows + updated kitchen, au pair & 4BR/3BA. Elizabeth Dickson



4015 Greenwood Ave. **New Listing \$595,000**
OAKLAND. Beautifully updated two story Craftsman. 3BR/2 new BA up. Full basement & spacious garden. Near Crocker Elementary, Glenview shops & transportation. Linda McClain

6291 Vallejo St. #2 **New Price \$365,000**
EMERYVILLE. Spacious newly constructed home. Move right in! Open floor plan. 3BR/2.5BA. Convenient location, close to transportation & shopping. Adrienne Tunney

2629 College Avenue **New Listing \$350,000**
BERKELEY. Charming cottage near U.C. One of two detached condominium homes set back from the street. 2BR/1BA, garage, laundry room & garden. Katherine Cooper

2828 Filbert Street **\$299,500**
OAKLAND. Open 12-4. Urban loft. Open two story floor plan. 1BR/1BA, upgraded kitchen w/hardwood floors. Private garden patio. Secure parking. Donna DeBardi

By Appointment

Mediterranean Estate **\$2,500,000**
Designed by Horowitz Architecture w/private drive to 3-car garage & elevator. Two level living with panoramic Bay, Bridge & City views. Debra J. Dryden

Piedmont Side of Montclair **\$950,000**
Level access to a charming home with a fabulous SF view. Exceptional brick enclosed patio. Gorgeous gardens. Wonderful light. 3BR/2BA. Jean Simmons

Rose Garden Masterpiece **\$769,000**
Built in a time when craftsman took great pride in their work, this 3BR/3BA home is a feast for the eyes. Come and discover this architectural masterpiece. Mavis Delacroix

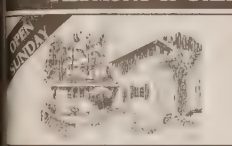
Claremont Traditional **\$759,000**
Traditional home w/formal rooms, large dining room, living room w/ fireplace, updated kitchen. 3BR/2BA. Close to shops & great restaurants. Kurt Buchholz

Glory and Grandview **\$649,000**
1925 original charm. Located on a corner knoll with gumwood details throughout, built-ins & special extra rooms. 4BR/1.5BA. Judy Rankankan

Charming Bungalow **\$329,000**
2BR/1BA w/hill & wooded views, living room w/ fireplace & hardwood floors, formal dining, yard, single car garage. Kurt Buchholz

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1750 Chatsworth Ct. **\$749,000**
Oakland Pines. Sweeping views overlooking the Bay and city from deck and most rooms. 3BR/2BA w/ charming brick courtyard. Open Sunday 2-5. Joan Afford



456 McAuley **\$320,000**
North Oakland. Cozy spacious 2 BD/1 BA with fireplace. Walk to Rockridge BART. Open Sunday 1-5. Elena Stone.

LOTS
Broadway Lot **\$325,000**
Rockridge. Over 21,000 sq. ft. lot w/ tentative approval to be subdivided into 3 lots. Design review approval to build 3 houses. Call for details & conditions. Darcy Diamantine.

OPEN SUNDAY

1230 Eureka **\$699,000**
Oakland Hills. Overlooking rolling hills this charmingly remodeled ranch sits on approx. 3/4 acre. 3+BD/2BA must see! 2-5. Jerry Dolan.

1300 Chambers Drive **\$695,000**
Oakland. New listing! 4BR/3BA, family room, dining room, 2 fireplaces, decks, canyon view. 2-4:30. Mahnaz Jidson

1323 Woodhaven Way **\$649,000**
Montclair. 5BD/3.5 BA home, close to Montclair BART, restaurants and shops. Hdwd floors, remodeled kitchen & baths. 2-4:30. Tony Ferro

100 Everett, El Cerrito **\$310,000**
El Cerrito starter in lovely neighborhood. 2BD plus study. 1 BA. Fresh paint. 2-4:30. Claudia

BY APPOINTMENT

Rockridge **\$849,000**
Charming cottage in wooded setting. 3BD/2 BA large lot, deck w/ hot tub. Sunny and inviting. Jack Brenneman.

Rockridge **\$699,000**
Very sharp, one-level home w/ high ceilings, beautiful HWF, lovely garden view. Nancy Dickey.

Montclair **\$589,000**
4BR/3 BA home. Convenient location, close to BART, shopping, light sunny kitchen, new price. David Eckert.

Rockridge **\$500,000**
Downtown. Nearly new 4BR/2.5BA. Well-designed floor plan, eat-in kitchen, adjacent family room, master suite. Call for details.

Montclair **\$499,000**
4BR/3BA Thornhill Village cottage. Beautifully landscaped. Fritz Hochstetler

Montclair **\$449,000**
Charming cottage in wooded setting. 3BD/2 BA large lot, deck w/ hot tub. Sunny and inviting. Jack Brenneman.

Oakland **\$385,000**
Prime property! 4+BR browninghilled Victorian plus 1 BR cottage. Huge lot, fruit trees, HWF, high ceilings, built-ins. Nicol Victor Ratto.

Jack London Square **\$349,000**
Sharp lot, 1BR/1BA close to all! Great SF-style loft at a fraction of SF prices. Lydia Nayo/ Terry Kulka

Walnut Creek **\$250,000**
Best schools. Designer's showcase custom kitchen w/ granite, marble baths, Pergo floors throughout, dual-pane windows. 2BR/1.5 BA. Elena Stone.

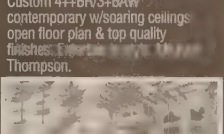
Oakland **\$239,000**
Spacious and lite. Needs TLC. Large family room. Formal dining room. 3 BD/1 BA. Phyllis Wherry.



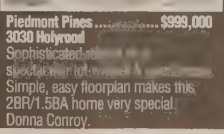
Montclair **\$1,150,000**
34 Villanova Ln.
Great setting - Views of Mt. Diablo, SF Bay, 2nd foundation in place. 4BR/3BA, unbelievable amount of space. Do not miss. David Eckert.



Rockridge (Upper) **\$1,200,000**
124 Sherman
Custom 4+BR/3+BA w/contemporary w/soaring ceilings, open floor plan & top quality finishes. Thompson.



Piedmont Pines **\$999,000**
3030 Holywood
Sophisticated, sleek, modern lot. Simple, easy floorplan makes this 2BR/1.5BA home very special! Donna Conroy.

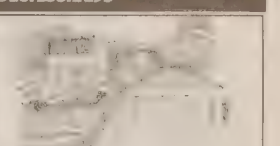


Oakland Beauty **\$1,295,000**
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Prairie-Style Beauty **\$675,000**
Generously proportioned throughout, this lovely home has been lovingly well-kept over the years. Redone "cook's kitchen". Cozy study, original wood details & gleaming hardwood floors! 3+ bdrms/2+ baths. Secluded patio.



Terrific Bay Views **\$625,000**
This special North Berkeley home also has winding paths in its colorful garden! 3bdrms/2full bths & a great family room w/built-ins. Plenty of storage & a large garage. Close to bus line for ease of commute.

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

Berkeley **1660 La Loma** **\$369,000**
Close to campus, 2BR/1BA. Nadine Oei

Emeryville **6019 Christie Ave.** **\$425,000**
Live/work loft, fab spaces, 2-bdrms/2baths. Bobbie Giarratana

Oakland **5912 Fremont St.** **\$225,000**
Charming cottage, 1bdm/1bath. Barbara Manenthal

Richmond **2600 Beach Head Ct.** **\$310,000**
Bright & quiet condo, 2bdrms/2baths. Pat Brennan

BY APPOINTMENT

LUXURY IN OAKLAND HILLS **\$1,150,000**
Contemporary home w/ custom details built May 2000. Serene views & lush green setting. 4bdrms/3.5baths, formal dining, 3frplcs, family room & deck. Easy S.F. commute.

CLOSE TO CAMPUS **\$369,000**
2bdm/2 stor. contemporary in great North Berkeley location. Parking and laundry room. All appliances stay. See photos @ www.DianeVerducci.com

UPSCALE EMERYVILLE LIVE/WORK **\$425,000**
Versatile 3 level unit in a prime location near Market Hall. Easy access to SF. Custom woodwork, artistic finishes & colors. Kitchen island w/ Jennair range. Tiled baths, laundry & parking. 2+ bdrms/2baths.

YOUNG OR OLD **\$625,000**
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CHARMING EMERYVILLE BROWN SHINGLE **\$349,000**
Set in a garden paradise, this light & airy single home has high ceilings w/ many windows. Open floor plan & 2+ bdrms. 10' high vaulted ceiling opens to great deck. Super storage shed, newer foundation & brick walkways. Very unique!

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Patio

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curves. The key, he stressed, is renting a special masonry saw called a wet saw, which features a diamond blade. "If you just take your time, it won't be that difficult," he said. The wet saw is available at tool rental companies for \$20 to \$40 a day; Home Depot rents the saws for \$30 a day.

Once the design is finished, the project booklet will explain how to determine its area in square feet. With this figure, it's simple to plan how much material you need to purchase, although Hamer will do the calculation for the mathematically-challenged.

Basically, the materials you need are paving stones, edging material, and base material (either sand or crushed stone). There's a wide range of prices for pavers, but Hamer calculated that a typical 250-square-foot patio would cost the consumer \$500 to \$1,000 in materials.

That would cover an area slightly larger than a rectangle 12 by 20 feet. That many blocks and stones are too heavy to transport in the back of a car, so homeowners who don't own a truck will either have to rent one or pay for delivery; Home Depot's delivery charge is \$45, Hamer said.

With the materials in hand, the last step is to actually build the patio. The best method, Hamer said, is for the homeowner to start by tilling up the space, removing 4 inches of topsoil, then putting down 2 inches of crushed stone. The stone is then tamped down with a hand-held brick or a special compacting tool. It's fairly easy to get this area flat by "screeding" the base with a long piece of lumber, then to install the edging material on the compacted base.

Hamer advises homeowners to lay the paving stones one-quarter inch apart. This gap is essential to keeping the pavers straight and level over the seasons, he said. A good guide is to get a paint stirring stick and use that to set the gap between the stones, Hamer said.

With the stones in place, dump some sand on top of the pavers and use a broom to sweep the sand into the gaps.

The sand-filled cracks act as expansion joints, preventing frost from disrupting the surface. The final step is to hose the area down, helping the sand settle in the joints.

An amateur should expect to work about eight hours to complete about 100 square feet.

A 250-square-foot patio is large enough for a grill, a small collection of patio furniture, and space for foot traffic.

plete about 100 square feet. A single person should be able to complete a 250-square-foot patio in about three days.

"The most common mistake people make is not allowing themselves enough time," Hamer said. "I've seen people buy materials Saturday for a patio they plan to use on Sunday."

If you're not particularly anxious to dig dirt or haul blocks, you're probably a candidate for hiring professionals.

In that case, you'd seek out someone such as Sickles, who works for Rice's Nursery and Design in North Canton.

"If a person said they wanted us to design their patio, the first thing I'd do is make an appointment to go to their home and inspect the area," Sickles said. He'd draw a site plan, noting the need for landscaping buffers, traffic flow and presence of windows and doors on the house.

Sickles would ask how much use the patio will get. "Is it something that a couple will use to sit outside and drink coffee, or will they use the patio to throw polka parties?" The use determines the size.

Generally, Sickles said, a 250-square-foot patio is large enough for a grill, a small collection of patio furniture, and space for foot traffic. "We've done projects of 600 square feet or more, but 250 square feet is what most people need," he suggested.

When Sickles designs a patio, he tries to avoid straight lines. Curved borders are more appealing, he said, and it makes it eas-

ier to place landscaping around the patio. Most clients, he has found, hire a professional because they want more than a hard surface for patio furniture: They want it to be enclosed by landscaping and other elements that give it the feeling of an outdoor room.

That's why Sickles' design will include things such as evergreen screens, flowering shrubs, decorative trees and a selection of plants that provide colorful blooms in spring, summer and fall. Depending on the client, he might include space for potted annuals, fire pits, stone sitting walls and outdoor lighting.

He might also suggest a more ambitious color scheme than amateurs would attempt. Octagons, sunbursts, plaid patterns and other geometric designs can be created with colored pavers. Do-it-yourselfers would have a tough time executing these plans, but the workers who do landscaping full time enjoy the challenge of an unusual design, Sickles said.

The cost of a professionally installed patio of about 250 square feet averages from \$4,000 to \$5,000, Sickles said. Most customers have the area landscaped, which typically adds \$1,500 to \$2,500 to the price. Built-in lighting would add about another \$1,000 to the project.

Obviously, such a job costs more than a do-it-yourself project, but consumers get more than an installed patio, Sickles said. They also get a professionally executed design.

The materials are installed by skilled workers who are more likely to recognize if the site requires special treatment because of drainage issues or other problems, Sickles said. He added that he's seen many amateur installations since he started working as a landscaper in 1983, and that it's his impression that do-it-yourselfers don't work hard enough to create a solid, well-drained base that will remain smooth and level.

Hamer, who has installed plenty of patios over the years, argues that amateurs who want to do a quality job can get professional results if they just take enough time. "I could probably complete one of these projects in half the time it would take an amateur," he said. "But there's no reason why the quality couldn't be just as good."

Women dominate the real estate scene says the National Association of Realtors

■ The 2001 National Association of Realtors Member Profile says women now run the Realtor show.

BY RICHARD MIZE
KNIGHT-RIDDER/TREBUNE NEWS

If Rip Van Winkle woke up today a bachelor again — with his domineering wife, Darnie, the kids and his pal, Wolf the dog, long gone — he might decide to sell the family home and buy a small condo.

He'd have one more thing to be freaked out about. In fact, he'd find that 20 years had wrought a whole cluster of changes in his friendly neighborhood residential real estate professional.

Instead of a man, he'd probably deal with a woman Realtor. She'd probably be around 52, not in her late 30s or early 40s.

She'd be more educated than any Realtor he dealt with before his long nap.

She'd have a lot more experience at selling real estate than Realtors from the old days.

The revolution in technology used in the real estate business since the 1970s isn't the only change that's taken place in real estate sales.

The men and women doing the locating and selling are way different as well, according to The 2001 National Association of Realtors Member Profile. The annual report outlines demographic, economic and professional characteristics of Realtors.

Here are some parcels of information from the report:

■ Women are almost running the Realtor show.

In 1978, only 21 percent of real estate brokers were women. By 2001, the percentage had increased to 46 percent.

In 1978, women made up just more than half of all full-time

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sales agents, 52 percent. By 2001, women accounted for 60 percent.

■ Agents are getting older.

In 1978, 15 percent were under 30, then the largest age category; by 2001, only 5 percent were under 30.

In 1978, 10 percent were 50-54; by 2001, 17 percent were 50-54, now the largest age category.

■ Agents are more educated.

In 1978, 38 percent of agents had some college or an associate degree; by 2001, the percentage had grown to 47 percent.

In 1978, 20 percent of agents had bachelor's degrees; by 2001, the percentage had grown to 25 percent.

■ Agents today have been in the business longer.

In 1978, 5 percent of agents had been in the business from 11 to 15 years; by 2001, 17 percent

had that much experience. In 1978, 5 percent of agents had been in the business for 25 years or more; by 2001, had been in the business for 25 years or more.

■ Half of all agents are associated with an independent franchised real estate company, but the number of independent brokers and sales agents is declining.

In 1978, 11 percent of brokers were associated with a franchise; by 2001, the percentage had dropped to 34 percent.

In 1978, 25 percent of agents were associated with a franchise; by 2001, the percentage had grown to 40 percent.

■ The number of brokers selling sole proprietorships has been cut in half.

In 1978, 48 percent of brokers were sole proprietors; by 2001, the percentage had dropped to 22 percent.

Finally, here's a technological oddity, to mix anyway. 75 percent of brokers and 76 percent of sales agents use e-mail.

That means 21 percent of brokers and 24 percent of sales agents don't.

As we like to say in our "Do What?" column:

What... now... why... or forget it.

Must be the Realtors who keep their real estate licenses current and maintain their membership in the National Association of Realtors.

Like Rip Van Winkle, the world has changed.

Rates

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"And it is these affordable rates that are contributing to the continuing vibrancy of the housing sector."

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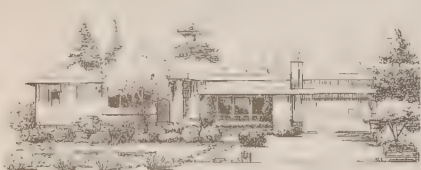
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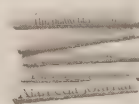
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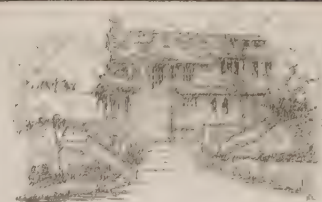


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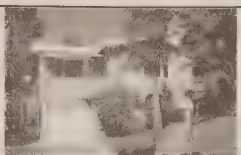
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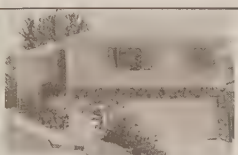
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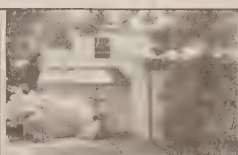
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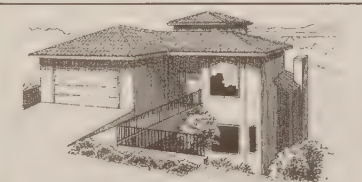


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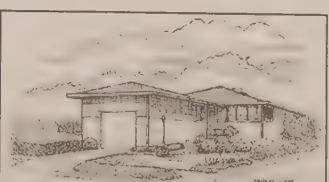
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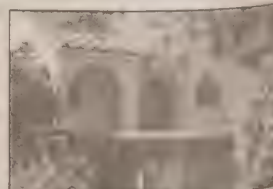
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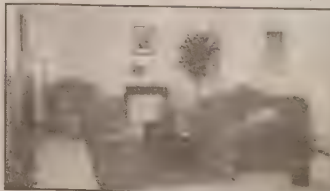
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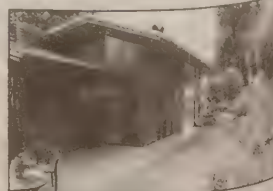
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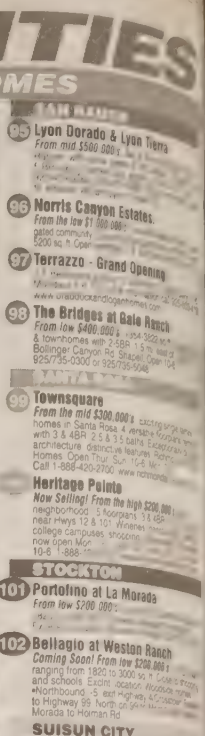


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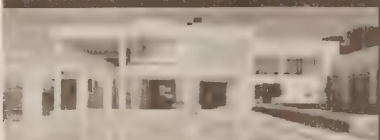
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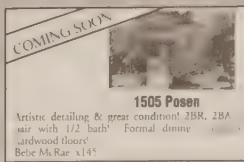
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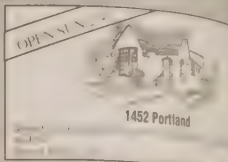
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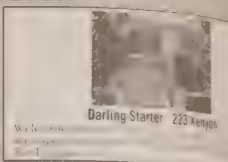
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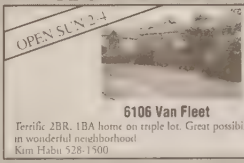
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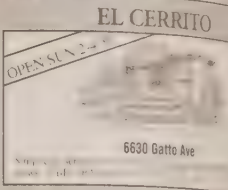
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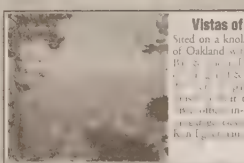
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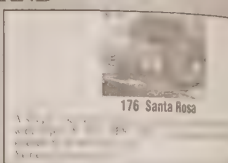
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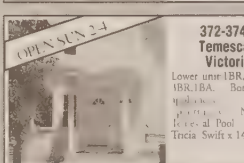


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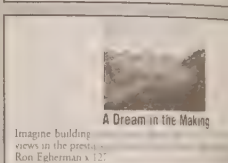


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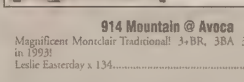


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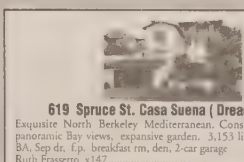
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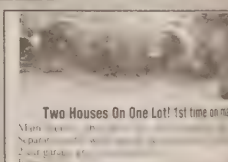
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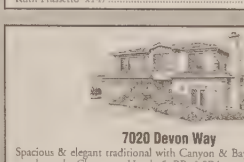
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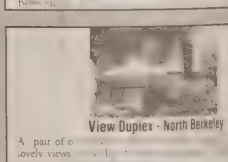
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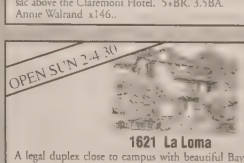
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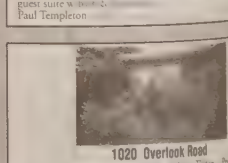
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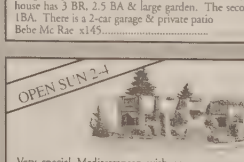
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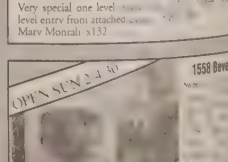
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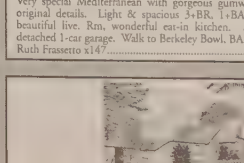


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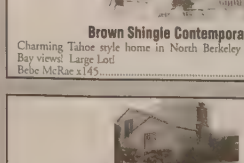
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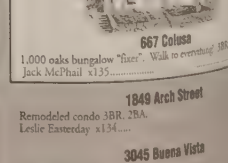
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Jr. Olympians seek payday in pool

East Bay water polo club heads to Jr. Olympics — it's about fun

By Bill Kruissink
SPORTS EDITOR

For thousands of young water polo players, it's payday — a pay-off of Olympic proportions. On Aug. 5 in Ann Arbor, Mich., the home of the University of Michigan, the 2001 Junior Olympic Water Polo Championships get under way. A five-day event, more than 200 boys' and girls' teams will be pitted in several age groups and in a dozen pools around the city. A college coaches will be watching.

But strangely, for the kids who comprise the Oakland Water Polo Club, it's all akin to a holiday — just reward for a summer of work in local pools.

"I'm excited to go because I've played hard," said goalie Amy Degenkolb, who graduated from Berkeley High School this spring, and who is bound for the University of Massachusetts this fall. "I'm excited, but not nervous."

She added: "It's a big bonding experience."

"There's lots of fun," said co-coach Michelle Woods, an All-American who graduated from Berkeley in Walnut Creek and is on her way to Cal this fall. "Going as a team — it's actually real casual when we're there," said Alameda's Tarrin Petersen, a 16-year-old making her third trip to the Jr. Olympics. "But when you go, you're going, it's not my gosh — you're going to the Junior Olympics! The time I went, I was really excited. Now I think it's great to



PLAYING FOR THE OAKLAND WATER POLO CLUB, Berkeley High's Lucy Potter looked to get off a shot in a practice match at Mills College on July 31. Potter and more than a dozen OWPC teammates are heading for this year's Junior Olympics, to be held in Ann Arbor, Mich., beginning Sunday.

be on a good team. We're second in the Bay Area after Stanford." Petersen added: "When you're playing, you're thinking: This is it; this is what all the weekend tournaments have been for."

Goals! Fun!

The Oakland Water Polo Club, which attracts kids from all over

the Bay Area, is sending two teams to collect: one of 16-and-unders, another of 18-and-unders. Coach Aileen Finney, who also coaches the sport at Piedmont High School, and who is making her fifth trip to the annual games, said the goals for the two age groups are quite different.

"Our 18s are more experi-

enced — the majority are seniors and are off to play in college. Their goal is to be competitive: to win and get as far as they can. For the 16s, only four have gone to the Junior Olympics. Three are 12 or 13 years old. They're inexperienced and work on improving each game. Last year, we only won one game," Finney said.

Not surprisingly, the younger

girls are less sure of themselves than the veterans.

Fifteen-year-old Lindsey White, who attends Bishop O'Dowd in Oakland and is making her second trip to the Junior Olympics, remembers how she felt last year.

"It was not bad," she said. "The first night I got there, I didn't sleep. And then you play and,

I hate to say this, it turns out to be more play than water polo. It's just seemed like a vacation. You're with people you're really close to."

Vacation? More play than water polo? The message is the same. Water polo is fun.

"It's going to be hecka fun," said Noelani Flores, a 16-year-old Encinal player making her first trip. "I love water polo. My gosh, I don't even want to go back to swimming, it's so much more fun."

"I adore (water polo) so much more than swimming," White said. "I used to swim and, yeah, it was fun. But you get tired of swimming back and forth. It's pointless."

Degenkolb said: "There are a lot of people there and everyone's excited. It's a very exciting atmosphere. If it was for swimming, everyone would be nervous, but for water polo, it seems people are not as nervous. It's a game. Swimming is all about you."

The edge

Still, a sense of competition prevails, albeit to varying degrees.

There will be about two matches a day and each club is guaranteed at least five matches over the five days. Oakland's 18-year-olds, which lost just two matches all summer (both to Stanford Water Polo Club) opens Sunday against COLA of Los Angeles at 9:30 a.m. Later, at 4:30, the 18s take on American River. The 18s are in the G bracket, Stanford is in D. The two clubs won't meet for at least two days, if ever, at the Juniors.

The 16s, who are in the E bracket of their division, open against Commerce on Sunday at

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Remembering our Japanese-American soldiers of WWII

atch salutes two Japanese-American battalions

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Stories of wartime bravery and heroism fill the annals of history. One of the most celebrated, inspiring — and certainly, amazing — is that of the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Central Postal Directory during World War



THE ALBANY WILDCATS' 16-and-under baseball team is wearing a patch that commemorates the heroism of the 100th and 442nd regimental battalions during World War II. The regiments were comprised of Japanese-Americans.

division and was killed in the war.

To commemorate the 100th/442nd, the Albany Wildcats 16-and-under baseball team is wearing uniform patches honoring those men.

Not only have the patches heightened the Wildcats' awareness of the 100th/442nd, but also that of their parents. They also have gained the notice of opposing teams.

"When you're (away) at a tournament, you're basically just flying through the teams, but locally, there's more chance of having a conversation (about the patches)," says Albany's Henry Izumizaki, who was named after his late uncle. "When we played against Scott's Valley, for example, they had a Japanese manager who said his uncle was in the 442nd."

Izumizaki's son, Eddie, plays on the Wildcats. Another son, James (named for his grandfather), designed the patch the team wears. The Wildcats, a first-year team affiliated with the U.S. Specialty Sports Association, is sponsored by the Go For Broke Legacy Fund started by the elder

James Izumizaki 12 years ago.

"Go For Broke" honors the men of the 442nd, who earned the nickname, "Go For Broke Unit." The elder James Izumizaki created the fund in 1989 by turning his entire \$20,000 reparations check over to the San Francisco Foundation, starting an endowment in memory of his brother and all other Japanese-American soldiers who died in the war.

"The money from that fund goes to any kind of charitable project," says Henry Izumizaki, "We've been moving (the endowment) around. Last year, we put it into the East Bay Athletic League, a 40-year-old Japanese-American basketball league. When we were setting up this baseball team, we talked about getting the funds for it. (We thought that if the players and coaches) wear these patches, it would promote what my dad set up."

The elder James Izumizaki was himself an accomplished athlete during his youth in Watsonville. He also graduated from Watsonville Union High School

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'Cats shake 'World'

Albany spoils Alameda's World tourney tuneup

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Alameda's World Tournament team had hoped to get in some challenging games before hosting teams from Fresno, San Diego, the Far East and Latin America, Aug. 13-19.

And a challenge is what Alameda got, as the Albany Wildcats under-16 team won a closely-contested 4-3 game at College of Alameda Wednesday evening.

Michael Clement pitched a strong game for the Wildcats, going the distance while striking out four. At times, defensive lapses forced Clement to get extra outs. But the Wildcats had just enough hitting to come back from a one-run deficit for the win.

By the sixth inning, Clement

appeared to be quickly tiring. Nonetheless, he held on to complete the game and earn the win.

"He didn't want to come out," Wildcats manager Don Worth said of his pitcher.

For the Alameda players, it likely served their purpose well to face a tough pitcher.

"(Alameda was) playing the game as if it was a real game," said Worth.

Added Alameda manager Tim Marr, "We're going to see ex-

remely tough competition in the World Tournament). Most of our kids are from Alameda. But the Japanese team is going to be from all over Japan. Fresno is going to be from all over San Diego is going to be from all over. And Brazil is from all over Brazil, not just one city."

Albany got off to a good start when Eddie Izumizaki singled with one out in the top of the first

inning. Izumizaki advanced to third on Robert Diaz's double and scored on a wild pitch.

Alameda, aided by a pair of Albany errors, came right back to score two in the bottom of the inning.

Leadoff hitter Tavis Ve'e reached on an error to start the inning and advanced to second on Andrew Whitehouse's single one out later. Ian Gordon, who had played with the Wildcats before Alameda's World Tournament team was assembled, followed with a grounder to third. Ve'e was forced on the play for the second out, but the throw to first base for the attempted double play was wild. Whitehouse raced to third on the overthrow while Gordon motored into second. Royce Huerta brought both runners home with a double.

Albany tied the game in the fourth when Izumizaki walked, went to second on Kevin Stewart's base hit, stole third, and scored on a base hit by Clement.

Albany went ahead for keeps

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Rattlers are shaken

STAFF REPORT

When the players and coaches of the Oakland Rattlers under-16 AAU and Connie Mack baseball team embarked for Cuba for Cuba in late June, they knew they would be in for a tough time against the highly-experienced — and sometimes older — locals. The Rattlers returned from that trip having lost all four games they played.

Similarly, the Rattlers expected to get sorely tested at the AAU 16-and-under Junior Olympics in Hampton Roads, Va., which started July 27. The Rattlers are a regional team while many of their competitors draw from wider geographical areas.

Oakland's assumptions were correct, as the team was in for a tough time from the start. Through five games, the Rattlers are 1-4, getting outscored 29-8 in their losses, one of which was a shutout.

Since coming back from Cuba on July 1, the Rattlers won the Barry Bonds Classic in Oakland on July 4 and had improved to 27-4-2 before heading to Virginia (the games in Cuba are considered exhibitions and not counted in this total). That record now stands at 28-8-2.

At Hampton Roads, the Rattlers began preliminary pool play with losses of 11-3 to the Wildcats Baseball Club of Virginia on

July 27, 9-3 to the Knoxville Thunder 16 of Tennessee on July 28 and 3-2 to the Eastern Shore Mavericks of Maryland on July 30.

Things didn't get much better for the Rattlers in consolation pool play, where they lost 6-0 to the Tidewater Cardinals of Virginia on Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, though, the Rattlers got it in gear to beat the Texas Stallions 8-4 for their only win of the tournament thus far.

The AAU Junior Olympics continues through Saturday. The Rattlers return to the Bay Area Sunday evening at San Francisco Airport on Continental Airlines flight 157. Scheduled arrival is 7:33 p.m.

Kalani in Bronze Age

Oakland-based volleyball club claims bronze-division title at Junior Olympics

While most teenagers were celebrating Fourth of July with friends and family, more than 2,500 boys from across North America, including Canada, Puerto Rico and United States (including teams from Guam and Hawaii), gathered together in Phoenix, Ariz., for the Boys' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships.

There were a few teams from the Bay Area competing in various age divisions. Oakland's Club Kalani sent out its 18-Black team to participate in the 18-and-under club division for JOVC. The team was put together with all first-time club players from different Bay Area high schools: Mike Gonzalez and Armen Zakarian from El Cerrito, Chris Flores from De Anza, Chris Palmore and Ron Smith from Alameda High School, Davey Gordon from St. Joseph Notre Dame, Travis Pullen from Skyline, Alex Minneboo from Head-Royce, Kiel Christensen and Josiah Doman from Clayton Valley and Dan Nguyen from Abraham Lincoln in San Francisco.

A relatively short team, Kalani is also young, with the majority young enough to play in 17-and-under, 16-and-under and even 15-and-under age divisions.

"We were pretty intimidated and overwhelmed when we saw our competition, we knew we were in for the fight of our lives," coach Steve Chan said.

Club Kalani managed to remain one of the contenders in the gold division after the first day, but struggled to stay at the top the next few days due to injuries, sicknesses and simply playing bigger, better teams. It ended up in the bronze division the last day of the competition.

Club Kalani arrived at the

Phoenix Civic Center in the early morning of July 7, where its first opponent was Central Cal 18-Gold of Fresno.

Volleyball

Jr. Olympics, 18u

Club Kalani claimed a bronze medal at the Junior Olympics.

setting from the back row), Chan said. "It seemed to work better with our new starting line up, which needed to be changed due to injuries. Both Palmore and Zakarian did a phenomenal job setting."

Club Kalani advanced to the second round by defeating Central Cal 25-20 and 25-18. The other three teams that came out of the quarterfinals were Coastal Virginia 18-National, Colorado Gold 18's, and Northcoast 18-Silver from Akron, Ohio. In the semi-finals, Club Kalani went up against Northcoast, while Coastal Virginia went up against Colorado Gold.

Chan said: "The chances didn't really favor us a whole lot because two of these three teams in the semifinals had beaten us before, and then there was Colorado Gold, the team that's full of giants and had beaten a lot of gold division teams."

But Club Kalani prevailed with a new-found determination and unbending attitude, moving into the finals by beating Northcoast in a two-game match, 25-22, 25-22. Colorado Gold also advanced to the finals, topping Coastal Virginia 25-20, 14-25, 15-13.

The ultimate challenge awaited Club Kalani as it watched Colorado Gold warm up.

"These guys were huge," Chan said. "Their shortest guy was probably taller than our tallest."

Kalani lost the first game 16-25.

"We had to change our offen-

sive strategy," Chan said. "Instead of swinging into their huge blocks, we had to play smart and place the ball where their defensive holes were. Once their defense became uncertain and apprehensive, I just told my guys to swing away."

Kalani pulled it together and won the second game 25-23. They went on to win that match and the Bronze bracket with the third game 15-8.

"I have never seen such aggressive playing from my players," Chan said. "We were unstoppable offensively, especially our outside attacks from Davey Gordon and Mike Gonzalez. Our offense was well balanced from our right side attacks (by Armen Zakarian and Chris Flores) and middle attacks (by Ron Smith and Alex Minneboo)."

Club Kalani's defense all shined.

Chan said: "Smith and Alex Minneboo (both 6-foot-3) put up significant blocks against hitters who towered over them in the match against Colorado, while our diggers were diving and saving everything else. Our libero, Dan Nguyen, made some phenomenal saves that turned the tide. Our defense was virtually impenetrable once we adjusted our timing on our blocks."

Serving also played an important role this last day, with Gordon, Flores, and Smith leading the assault.

"We were not one of the top teams in this international tournament (ranked 17th out of 40 teams), but we definitely showed everyone that we could play. We were the only team from Northern California that came home with a trophy."

Postgame

ONWARD: Graduating senior Chris Palmore of Alameda High was offered a volleyball scholarship as a setter to Kendall College, a small private college in Illinois.

Chan said: "Whether or not he accepts the offer, he definitely deserves such a great opportunity!"

Juniors

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9:30 a.m. and then play Modesto at 2:30 p.m.

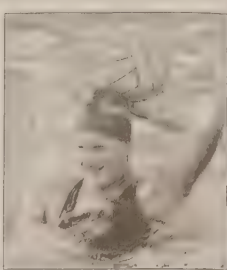
For one, Degenkolb is ready to play.

"Whenever we play against a good team, we play so much better than against a bad team. We end up playing down to their level. So it's fun to play against good people."

This year, Oakland Water Polo's 18s think they will be competitive. The key is a seeding system which landed Oakland among the top teams. That means the club will play teams of lesser ability than itself in the opening rounds.

Last summer, the team was ranked much lower and suffered the consequences.

"It's really hard losing your first three games," Petersen said. "I think this year will be fun be-



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BERKELEY HIGH grad Amy Degenkolb is looking forward to the competition to be found at the Junior Olympics.

cause we'll have some good wins and can be pumped up for the harder games."

Whatever the outcome of the matches, the waiting is about to end. But it will be ending in a payday.

Patch

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as class valedictorian in 1936. Sadao Henry graduated from the same school in 1939. Their mother graduated from there in 1912. Their uncle served in the navy in World War I.

"They were very American," says Henry Izumizaki.

Despite their strong ties to the community and their allegiance to the United States, the Izumizaki family — like so many other Japanese-American families — was "relocated" in 1942. From Watsonville, the Izumizakis went to Arizona. By then, though, James already was in the army, having been drafted nine months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. But while he was away, his wife, Kitako, bore the couple's first child, Sandra, behind the camp's barbed wire (James and Kitako had Henry in 1948).

Sadao Henry followed his older brother's footsteps by joining the army in 1943.

Both brothers survived some

fierce battles, including the rescue of the Lost Battalion (Sadao Henry died in later fighting) — a battle that cost 600 Japanese-Americans their lives.

This year, the patches worn by the Albany Wildcats serve as a small tribute to those soldiers — both living and dead — who served in the 100th/442nd.

"Most of the parents have had conversations (about the patches)," says Henry Izumizaki. "They were very impressed by the whole deal. Many have done more research. They ask if there are more books on the 442nd in particular."

Added team member Michael Clement, "Nobody knew anything at all before the patch."

For the Wildcats, parents, coaches and even opponents, the season involves more than hits, runs and errors. It has been a consciousness-raising experience. A learning experience beyond the white lines — and most likely beyond the classroom, too.

Wildcats

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in the top of the sixth when Kofi Yamamoto singled, stole second and scored on a Diaz single. Kevin Stewart's triple brought Diaz home for a 4-2 advantage.

Alameda got the game's final run in the bottom of the sixth. Jon Wilson started the things innocently enough when, with one out, he reached first base on a third strike that got by the catcher.

One out later, consecutive walks to Gordon and Huerta fol-

lowed by an RBI single by Casey Bro, brought pinch runner Jamie Tench home.

Alameda threatened again with two on and two out in the bottom of the seventh, but Clement got Jordan Flores to fly out to end the game.

Postgame

WHO'S FROM WHERE: Most of the Wildcats are from Albany High School. Stewart and Greg Murray (who was not at the game) are from El Cerrito High. Kyle Toy is from De Anza.

For Alameda, Gordon is from Albany High. Half the team is

from Alameda High. Those players are Flores, Mike Gillman, Jason Langlois, Ben Little, Scott Sakraida, Myles Sofranac, Tench, Ve'e and Wilson. Steve Emery and Carrington Russell attend Encinal. Sean Kennealy attends Bishop O'Dowd and Peter McGuinness goes to St. Mary's.

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Arts

No hurry to see 'Rush Hour 2'

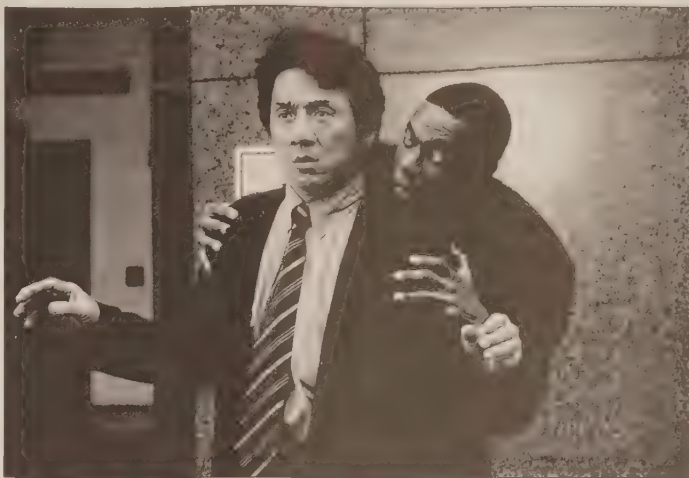
■ Sure, there are laughs and plenty of action, but the plot is pretty sloppy

By Mary F. Pols
TIMES STAFF WRITER

At the end of the peppy, unpretentiously fun "Rush Hour 2," director Brett Ratner runs a series of outtakes over the credits. Jackie Chan screwing up a few stunts, Chris Tucker bumbling his lines, Chan's disbelief when co-star Tucker answers his cell phone during a take.

These are the funniest moments in the movie, so don't be racing to the car. But the hilarity of the outtakes has the interesting affect of revealing the hollowedness of the rest of the movie. It's an innocuous pleasure, with some nifty action work by Chan and fast-talking humor from Tucker, but it can't measure up to the unadulterated humor of the outtakes. Being on the set looks like more fun, not too surprising when you consider there is nothing better than unintentional, spontaneous comedy.

"Rush Hour 2" is, of course, very intentional. It's already such a franchise that the final joke in



JACKIE CHAN provides the martial-arts moves and Chris Tucker the steady stream of quips in "Rush Hour 2."

the outtakes refers to "Rush Hour 3." As such, the dialogue feels patchy, the plot sloppy and im-

provoked around location and situation, not character. But you'll still laugh — which is the point,

after all.

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Young performers splash off in Oakland

IT SEEMS FITTING that today's column, opens with best wishes to two high-spirited groups of young actors, musicians, clowns and other performing artists making their first (or one of their first) public appearances before real, live audiences.

First in the spotlight are the Petersons — Evan, 13, Christopher, 11, and Elizabeth, 7. They will be joining their fellow performers from "Splash Circus" for pre-show appearances by aspiring young students of the circus arts at when "Barnum" opens Aug. 3 at Woodminster Amphitheater, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland.

"Splash Circus" is the East Bay school for kids who want to learn how to perform circus acts.

The kids start their turn at 7 p.m. The main event, "Barnum," Woodminster's second musical of the season, takes center ring — OK, stage — at 8 p.m. The



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musical, directed by James Schlader and under the musical direction of Mark Hanson, traces the early years of Phineas Taylor Barnum — the Barnum of "Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey," a mammoth tented circus always modestly billed as "The Greatest Show on Earth."

Performances are Aug. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Tickets are \$15, \$23 and \$27 depending on the seating section, with \$2 off each price for seniors and youths 16 and under. Call 510-531-9597.

"FIDDLER, JUNIOR": Another outpouring of young the-

ater talent takes place a week later. On Aug. 10, 11 and 12, campers from Stage Door Conservatory's "On Broadway" program for grades 5 through 9 perform "Fiddler on the Roof Jr." at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley.

The Friday performance starts 7:30 p.m. The Saturday and Sunday shows start at 5. Tickets, available at the box office, are \$12 for adults and \$8 for seniors, students with valid ID and children. Appropriate for ages 5 and up.

OK, campers, here's your billing. May there be many more, if you pursue your theater dreams:

From Albany: Hannah Kramer (playing Avram), Rachel Ranney (Hodel), Jane Bobet (Yente, Herschel), Lauren Ford (Shprintze, Rivkah, Yacob), Elena Murphy (Constable), Ben Sandberg (Tevye), Jonathan Sandberg (Lazar Wolf), Laura Smith-Heimer (un-

derstudy for Golde). Backstage theater apprentice Athalia Markowitz juggles two jobs as stage manager and assistant director.

From Berkeley: Maddy Conboy (Mordcha), Hannah Michaelles (Chava), Erin Anderson (Tzeitel), Emilie Barnett (Fiddler, Fyedka, Rabbi), Lev Hirschhorn (Motel), and Evan Troost (Golde).

Kensington is represented by Lisa Aultman as Perchik. Lauren Cucarola from Moraga plays Biekie and Yussle. San Leandro's Sebastian Marx takes the duel roles of Sasha and Yankele.

Places, everyone! Now altogether: "Tradition ... tradition ..."

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ARTS BEAT

Pyramid hosting Brainwash Festival

BERKELEY—The seventh annual Brainwash Movie Festival, screening short films by independent creators, takes place outdoors on Aug. 3-5 at the Pyramid Ale Brewery, 901 Gilman St., in Berkeley, (510-527-9090, ext. 218) and indoors on Aug. 10-11 at the somARTS Gallery, 934 Brannan St., in San Francisco (415-863-1414).

The lineup for Aug. 3 and Aug. 10: "Digital Imagery" Chet Helms; "Laundry" Chad Benton; "The Saga of Dumbest" Bruce Bortin; "Speedwalking" John Stonehill; "Tour Tips, #14" Danny Plotnick; "Punch the Clock" Bryan Renere; "The Ballad of a Green Beret" Kevin Keating; "Stalkers" Dawn Herriot-Maddy; "Bombay Beach" Chris Metzler/Jeff Springer; "Nada" J.M. Magrini.

The lineup for Aug. 4 and Aug. 11: "Digital Imagery" Chet Helms; "What Boys Want" Roger Beebe; "Antonio Knows" Megan Holly; "Thanksgiving" Jack Shynk; "Gina & TL: Episode 1" Geoff Farr; "One Hit Wonder" Lawrence Schacter; "When Urine Love" Mike Davis; "A Woman's Place Is In the Kitchen" Pam Dore; "Fowl Play" Mary C. Matthews; "Fish" Sarah Jane Shute.

And on Aug. 5 at Pyramid only is The Best of Brainwash, including: "Lunch" Sarah Jane Shute; "Leonard and the Mountain" Chris Metzler/Jeff Springer; "Pendemonium" Trevor Hoff; "Headwrecker" Chris Church; "Stalkers" Dawn Herriot-Maddy; "Laundry" Chad Benton; "The Station" Aaron Woolfolk (courtesy Urban Media) and more.

All shows start at 9 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 online or in advance, \$10 at the door for all shows. A Festival Pass, good for

entry into all shows, for two is \$75 for all five nights, or \$40 for one for all five nights.

Alice Arts Windows Exhibition opens

Oakland Craft and Cultural Arts Department presents the Alice Arts Center Windows Exhibition II Series through March 28, 2002.

This exhibition series will feature eight month long exhibitions honoring over 24 Bay Area Artists. All artwork exhibited is viewable 24 hours a day in the Alice Arts Center front windows located at 1428 Alice St. in downtown Oakland.

The series was kicked off on Aug. 1 with artists Mary Helene Wagner, Jacqueline Mallegni and Jennifer Maria Harris. Their work will be on exhibit through Aug. 28.

The artists celebration and reception for the series will be held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 at the Alice Arts Center.

For more information call 510-238-4948.

Actors Ensemble sets auditions

BERKELEY—Auditions for Tom Stoppard's "Travesties," a witty fantasy, will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, the city's oldest stage company, at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 13-14, at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman).

There are parts for five men and three women 20-70. Director Mikel Clifford asks that auditioners present a two-minute piece or read from the script.

No appointment is needed, and there is no pay. Performances will be Friday and Saturday evenings from Oct. 19-Nov. 17, plus Thursday evening, Nov. 15, at Live Oak Theatre.

For information, phone 510-525-1620 or go to www.actors-

ensembleofberkeley.com.

Opportunities for theatrically inclined

OAKLAND — The Asian Youth Theatre, Stage Door Players, Hispanic Youth Theatre, Jewish Youth Theatre and Children's Theatre are looking for directors, lighting and sound managers and actors and actresses for the upcoming 2001-02 season in their new Actor's Studio at 3521 Maybell Ave., formerly the old Laurel post office building.

You can write, fax or phone the theater. The fax number is 510-530-1587 and the office number is 510-530-0551.

Jazz band Insight to play at La Peña

BERKELEY — La Peña Cultural Center will present the Afro-Cuban jazz band, Insight, at 7 p.m. Aug. 5.

The members of Insight, who are all in their teens, are recognized as the youngest professional jazz-Latino band in the United States.

Their performances, nationwide and in Cuba, include standard and original jazz pieces and the rhythms of Puerto Rico and Cuba. The musicians create their harmonies with the trumpet, tenor sax, piano, upright bass and bongos.

The center is at 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for seniors and students with current IDs. Call 510-849-2568.

Jazzschool welcomes singer Denine Monet

BERKELEY — Vocalist Denine Monet will perform at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Jazzschool/La Note Restaurant, 2377 Shattuck Ave.

Accompanying Monet, whose

style brings to mind Ella Fitzgerald and Keely Smith, will be pianist Walter Bankovitch, bassist Brad Russell, drummer Deszon Claiborne, and cellist Laura Boytz. The music will include a wide range of standards and Monet's own originals.

At 5:30 p.m., Polo Mar will perform as part of Jazzschool's instrumentalists' series.

The Brazilian jazz quartet, which consists of flutist Jenny Holland, pianist Anne Sajdera, bassist Fred Randolph and drummer Phil Thompson, plays the music of Brazil and American jazz.

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis, and reservations are recommended. Admission is \$5.

For reservations and information, call 510-845-5373.

Friday music series offers sacred songs

RICHMOND — St. David of Wales Catholic Church will present soprano Rebecca Monson in a recital of sacred songs and arias on Aug. 3.

The program will begin at 11:15 a.m. at the church, 5641 Esmond Ave.

St. David offers organ concerts, which last about 45 minutes, at 11:15 a.m. the first Friday of each month. Choral and solo recitals are also a regular feature of the music program.

Benediction follows the organ recitals at noon.

Donations are welcome. Call 510-237-1531 for more information.

Jesse Colin Young and No Nukes perform at downtown

Singer-songwriter, Jesse Colin Young will be appearing at a No

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EVENTS

Oakland Public Library — ALL BRANCHES — "Read! Make It Your Thing!" closing Aug. 6.

Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the library's annual teen summer reading program. (510) 238-3848 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM — "Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts.

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WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

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Contra Costa County Library — ALL BRANCHES

"Treasure Your Library Summer Reading Program," through Aug. 25. Children may participate in this reward-based program to encourage summer reading.

Contra Costa County. (800) 984-INFO or www.contra-costa.lib.ca.us/

Cody's Bookstores — Gerry Gomez Pearlberg & Justin Chin, Aug. 5. Poetry.

Jane Mead & Mark Turpin, Aug. 8. Poetry.

BOOK CLUBS — "Spanish Book Club," Aug. 3.

"Parenting Book Club," Aug. 12, 11 a.m. At 1730 Fourth St.

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

Marcus Book Store — E. Lynn Harris, Aug. 15. The author discusses "Any Way the Wind Blows."

Events are free and start at 6:30 p.m. unless listed otherwise. 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 852-2344.

Oakland's Historic Downtown Walking Tours — The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"First Tuesday Tour," Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS — through October. Jack London's Waterfront, Aug. 4.

Tour the Port of Oakland and learn about Jack London. Visit the Jack London Museum and see the restored yacht of President Roosevelt, the USS Potomac. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Colors Restaurant, 101 Broadway.

Preservation Park, Aug. 8. Preservation Park is a group of Victorian homes which replicate an authentic neighborhood of the 1870s.

The homes have been restored and are used for offices and businesses. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the entrance to the park, 13th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Uptown Art Deco to the Lake, Aug. 11. Tour the beautiful Art Deco buildings of Oakland's Broadway business district. Learn the history of the 1930s merchants and marvel at the ornate tile and terra-cotta architecture. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Paramount Theatre, Broadway and 20th Street.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3234 or www.oaklandnet.com

Oakland Heritage Alliance Walking Tours — through Aug. 26. Each year, the organization adds new tours to its roster. For 2001, "West Oakland: Rehabilitated Victorians" and "Oakmore" have been added. This summer's focus is on Oakland waterways and includes stops at the lake, Estuary College channel and the lagoon at Fifth Avenue Point.

"Footfall/Seminary District," Aug. 4, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. A slightly hilly walk that visits the early 20th-century commercial buildings (including the world's smallest storefront) as well as exploring the charming streets of Millsbrae.

"The romantic revival style houses of the '20s and '30s. Meet at Foothill Boulevard and Seminary Avenue at Tom's Chinese Kitchen."

"Broadway Auto Row," Aug. 5, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. With the opening of the Chevrolet plant in 1916, Oakland became "The Detroit of the West," and Upper Broadway was referred to as "Auto Row."

Learn about the historic showrooms from the '10s to the '40s and see utilitarian brick and tile garages. Meet at 28th Street and Broadway, tip of the flatiron building.

"Lakeshore/Trestle Glen," Aug. 11, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Walk from the Library through the Splash Pad Park to Lakeshore shopping

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They want their VH-1

As we once observed that when one considers MTV, the first two syllables pretty much say it all.

All week we've been inundated with stories and hype about MTV's 20th birthday. To put it mildly, this is a dubious milestone to many parents and teachers.

MTV was co-founded by two television radio music programmers. One, Bob Pittman, is now chief operating officer of AOL-Time Warner. So Pittman's name from "I Want My MTV!" came from "You've Got Mail."

Pittman's MTV co-founder was another interesting character, Las Garland. You may not know that the two also founded MTV's also-thriving corporate sister station, VH-1. The story of how the two created VH-1 is classic, one I'd never heard it anywhere before Garland told me. As far as I know, you're reading it here for the first time in print:

One afternoon not long ago, Las Garland on the deck of a crowded Trident restaurant in Sausalito, Janis and Jimi's hangout. Garland wanted to talk about my writing his biography. As we looked on Otis's "dock of the bay" to the water, Garland reminisced about his pre-MTV years in the '70s, when he produced San Francisco station KTVU, turning it into a Top 40 station.

I'd first heard of Garland in the early '70s, when I was doing a radio show and column in Montreal and Garland was running Canada's most successful radio station, CKLW. In the small town of Windsor, known to its urban listeners as "the BIG 8." Anyone who grew up in Detroit in these years remembers CKLW. Long story short: The Canadian government, hearing that CKLW's graphic newscasts aimed at its huge Detroit audience — tapes had circulated around Montreal — stepped down on the station. More violent newscasts like the story I still remember: the truck SUCKED the man into its radiator ... and

MAGGED him eight exorcizing blocks." A perfect newscast for violence-plagued Detroit, perhaps, but not for a Canadian hamlet, eh?

So Garland headed next to KTVU. He and Pittman soon launched the idea for MTV, which became an instant hit, merging radio and TV and rejuvenating the rock-radio business.

Las Garland munched his food in Marin that sunny day, and he told me about his second successful creation, VH-1, and how he and Pittman outfoxed the mogul Ted Turner.

In 1983, some critics and writers were outraged at MTV, criticizing many of its videos as too violent or degrading to women, or both. (Which, of course, they were.) Turner, the powerful founder of CNN, TBS, MTV, was so upset by this controversial content that he started his own alternative American Music Channel, marketing it to cable operators as a toned-down version of MTV.

Garland and his partner had sensed both danger and opportunity in booming new MTV franchise — and opportunity.

So Bob and I went around to cable operators all over the country. Garland said with a grin, "telling them we had the great new music channel that was going to be aimed at a very young audience. We called it VH-1. I leveraged the process with MTV, hinting that if they didn't carry it, they'd lose it."

When we finally got through MSO's (cable companies) signed up, we had to make it like crazy to even put

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 • **Sexy Beast** (R) 7:00, 9:30.

Albany Twin

1115 Solano Avenue, Albany 843-FILM
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 6:45, 9:00.
 • **The Closet (Le Placard)** (R) 8:30, 8:50.

California Theatres

2113 Kittredge Street, Berkeley 843-FILM
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 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 8:05, 10:20
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 4:50, 7:05, 9:25
 • **Original Sin** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
 • **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., noon, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:55, 4:45, 5:25, 7:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:40, 10:25
 • **The Princess Diaries** (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55
 • **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 5:15, 6:00, 6:45, 7:35, 8:15, 9:00, 9:50, 10:35
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:35, 7:45, 10:10
 • **The Score** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 4:40.

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32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
 • **America's Sweethearts** (PG-13) 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:15, 10:15, 12:45, midnight
 • **Brother** (2001) (R) 9:50
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:45, 10:00
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 10:15
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
 • **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:00, 1:55, 2:50, 3:15, 4:20, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 9:50, 10:30, 11:30, 12:15 a.m.
 • **Kiss of the Dragon** (R) 4:30, 7:05, 9:25, 11:45
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 12:25, 2:40, 3:55, 5:10, 6:15, 7:25, 9:45, 12:05 a.m.
 • **Original Sin** (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 2:15, 3:30, 4:55, 6:10, 9:40, 12:40
 • **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 12:20 a.m., 11:40, 11:25 a.m., 12:10, 12:30, 12:55, 1:40, 2:20, 2:45, 3:15, 3:50, 4:25, 5:25, 6:20, 6:40, 7:20, 8:05, 8:30, 9:10, 9:35, 10:05, 10:20, 11:20, 11:50
 • **The Princess Diaries** (G) 11:00 a.m., 12:15, 1:45, 3:00, 4:35, 5:45, 7:20, 8:35, 10:00
 • **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 11:55, 12:20 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 1:40 a.m., 12:20, 12:40, 1:15, 2:35, 3:30, 3:55, 4:10, 4:40, 5:05, 5:30, 5:55, 6:30, 7:10, 7:30, 7:50, 8:25, 9:30, 10:10, 10:45
 • **Scary Movie 2** (R) 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:50, 7:55, 9:55, 12:10 a.m.
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 • **Shrek** (PG) 11:00 a.m., 1:20.

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
 • **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45.

Chabot Space & Science Center Tien MegaDome *

1800 University Blvd., Oakland 336-7000
 • **Antarctica** (NR) 2:30
 • **The Mysteries of Egypt** (NR) 11:30 a.m., 3:30, 8:30
 • **Planet Max** (NR) 12:30, 7:30
 • **To Be an Astronaut** (NR) 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30

Elmwood

2585 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
 • **Amores Perros** (R) 4:15
 • **Big Eden** (PG-13) 2:35, 7:05
 • **Himalaya: The Last Frontier** (G) 4:30, 9:50
 • **Jin-Roh: The Wolf Brigade** (NR) 2:10, 7:20, 9:25
 • **Startup.com** (R) 4:55, 9:30
 • **Under the Sand (Sous le Sable)** (NR) 2:55, 7:00

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley *

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143
 • **Le Doulos** 7:30
 • **Patti Rocks** (NR) 9:35

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3555
 • **America's Sweethearts** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
 • **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
 • **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) noon, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00

Jack London Cinema *

102 Washington Street, Oakland 433-1320
 • **America's Sweethearts** (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
 • **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
 • **Legally Blonde** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
 • **Original Sin** (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
 • **Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 10:20, midnight
 • **Rush Hour 2** (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., noon, 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:00, 5:50, 7:15, 8:10, 9:40, 10:30, midnight
 • **The Score** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40.

Mann Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward *

19801 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8003
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5:00
 • **Baby Boy** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
 • **The Fast and the Furious** (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30
 • **Jurassic Park III** (PG-13) noon, 1:00, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:10, 10:40, 11:30
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 • **The Princess Diaries** (G) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
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 • **Hum Ho Gaye Aap Ke** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
 • **Katni Ho Duddaan** 9:00
 • **Lagan** (NR) 5:00
 • **Pyar Ishq Aur Mohabbat** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
 • **Star** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
 • **Teedain** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00.

Oaks Theater *

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
 • **Atlantis: The Lost Empire** (PG) 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:35
 • **Cats & Dogs** (PG) 11:15, 2:10, 4:30, 6:00
 • **Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within** (PG-13) noon, 2:00
 • **Moulin Rouge** (PG-13) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35.

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 843-FILM
 • **The Anniversary Party** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:30
 • **The Closet (Le Placard)** (R) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
 • **Hedwig and the Angry Inch** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
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Reviews

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...case against and raunchy than for a stylish thriller. Paris, photographed in winter, looks dreamy, and Li is appealing, especially in action. But the script is appealingly bad, there's no continuity whatsoever and the action is needlessly gory. Thrown in Bridget Fonda as a drug-addicted prostitute with a heart of gold and this picture is a wash. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, language, some sexuality and drug content.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **D**

"LEGALLY BLONDE": As usual, Reese Witherspoon is a joy to watch in this frothy summer comedy, but the movie itself leaves something to be desired, running off of steam in its second half as it attempts to wed "Clueless" with not just "The Paper Chase" but "The Practice" as well. Witherspoon plays SoCal sorority girl Elle Woods, who follows her stuck-up preceptor ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law, hoping to win him back. There's some clever clash-out-of-water stuff to be had in the early Harvard scenes, but once Elle starts worrying about laptops and summer internships, the fizz goes out of the movie. — M. Pols. (PG-13 for language and sexual references.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **B-**

"LOST AND DELIRIOUS": An excess of poetic symbolism undermines this tale about first love and teen-age obsession, starring Peter Perabó as a young woman who falls for her female roommate. Things go off when the other woman breaks it off, sending Perabó's character into a tailspin. The scenes of the two women falling for each other are expertly handled, but when the breakup comes, the characters start spouting Shakespeare. Still, the movie evokes a sense of romantic discovery and loss that will resonate powerfully with anyone who doesn't marry the first boy or girl they ever kissed. — D. Gernain. (NR: contains sexual situations.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"MADE": Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn, the bumbling boys from "Swingers," are back, but they've changed their spots from college grads with Hollywood dreams to blue-collar Angelenos with aspirations to join the mob. Their first job, a trip to New York to pick something up for the boss (Peter Falk), is a comedy of errors. The capable Favreau not only wrote the script but directs and plays straight man to Vaughn's stunnily aggravating character Rocky, a boozing blabbermouth who is completely immune to other people's negative reactions to him. You'll want to shoot Rocky yourself, but there's something brilliant about Vaughn's performance. — M. Pols. (R: language and brief scenes of sexuality.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. **B**

"MEMENTO": Christopher Nolan's thriller is laid backward in roughly 10-minute increments, which has made it buzz central among the spring releases. But even after two viewings, "Memento" comes off more as a clever gag than a piece of wildly innovative filmmaking. It's set up to reward the sharp-eyed viewer: Figure out what's going on and pat yourself on the back for being in the same intellectual stratosphere as the filmmaker. Still, Guy Pearce couldn't be better as Leonard, a former insurance investigator who's on a mission to find his wife's killer, but is hampered by having no short-term memory. — M. Pols. (R: violence, drug content and some language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **B**

"MOULIN ROUGE": Director Baz Luhrmann's relentless musical drama exudes so much energy that it throws up what amounts to a nearly impenetrable force field around itself. There's certainly something endearing about how much effort he and his co-stars, Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor, playing star-crossed lovers in turn-of-the-century Paris, have put into trying to woo us. Kidman is spectacular; she's pure couture. But despite flashes of true creativity, some inspired musical choices and a consistently startling opulence, the movie fails. It's just too much: gapping mouths, falling limbs, wildly intricate scenes that make it impossible to focus. Luhrmann is in such a hurry to show us everything in his toy chest that there isn't time to savor anything. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexuality.) 2 hours. **B-**

"THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS": Although the plot of this film about rival L.A. street racers of young adults who protect their territory from disreputable top-speed races has been a discredited plot under Rob Cohen's direction, the action flick has the makings of an authentic crowd-pleaser. Surprisingly, the screenplay occasionally tosses in moments of rimble dialogue and a less-than-convincing action. Paul Walker, Vin Diesel and Rodriguez round out the pretty picture. "The Fast and the Furious" is strictly mass entertainment, polished to a truly shiny sheen. — P. Wurtch. (PG-13: violence, language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. **B-**

"FANTASY: THE SPIRITS REMIXED":

"THE WOLF BRIGADE": Ambitious but not entirely successful Japanese anime about a renegade secret unit of the Japanese police force. There's a serious case of over-the-top here from the director, who has the movie tries to be as much about the loss and desire, it simply becomes the obstacle that animated heroes aren't nearly as expressive as human beings. Instead of tearing us up, the movie is as soothing as a warm blanket. — E. Mitchell. (NR) 1 hour, 42 minutes. **C+**

"DINOSAUR PARK II": The dinosaurs are back and the human prey is dumber in this sequel starring Sam Neill. There's a couple of good scares as Neill's character goes roped back into visiting the island with William B. Macy and Téa Leoni. Even when on their onboard, there's nothing to breathe new life into this franchise. — Rodriguez. (PG-13: dinosaur violence.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **C**

"THE DRAGON": It's refreshing to see that the French, known for their technical prowess, can produce some truly wildly incoherent and dreadful as well as fun action flick. It's like finding out that John Waters has a secret fetish for Big Brother. — plays a cop from Hong Kong, who helps the French authorities nab a mobster who gets framed for murder. At

"PLANET OF THE APES": Director Tim Burton's version of Pierre Boulle's classic sci-fi novel is unusually beautiful and filled with spooky visual qualities. If this movie needed to be remade — and you could argue it didn't — Burton, with his impish imagination, was the man for the job. Mark Wahlberg makes a sturdy astronaut. Helena Bonham Carter's fetching ape. Some of the exquisitely made up creatures are unfortunately hard to tell apart, particularly Michael Clarke Duncan's bad guy Attar and Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa's good guy Krill. There's a neat trick revealed late in the game involving the apes' origins, but the final moments, while true to Boulle's dark vision, make irritatingly little sense. — M. Pols. (PG-13: action violence.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. **B-**

"SCARY MOVIE 2": The Wayans brothers have succeeded in making a sequel that is even more vile than last summer's raunchy blockbuster. The spoof this time is on movies featuring paranormal activity, but the jokes are so dense, so dumb and so bodily fluids. If that sounds good, this one is for you. Personally, I'd rather go to the dentist than see the shock over again. — M. Pols. (R: sexual content, drugs and language.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **D-**

"THE SCORE": A smart, well-executed and satisfying thriller that just happens to feature acting legends from three generations. Robert De Niro, Edward Norton and, gasp, Marlon Brando. Director Frank Oz, typically a light-comedy guy, shows a sure hand in weaving a consistently suspenseful movie, despite the fact that the setup, the old one-last-things-before-retirement gag, is completely tried. Brando's role isn't much more than a cameo, and De Niro doesn't do anything new, but Norton steals all his scenes as a punk kid who joins forces with De Niro for the heist. Some may be bothered by the nearly languid pace in outlining the criminal's methods, but it's a relief after the wham-bam of most action movies. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 1 minute. **B+**

"SEXY BEAST": First-time feature director Jonathan Glazer's zingy movie, about a retired mobster (Guy Winstone) whose terrifying former colleague (Ben Kingsley) wants him to do just one more job, is remarkable mostly for Kingsley's astonishing performance. Seeing Gandhi play someone as scary as any of Robert De Niro's darker characters is quite a change. You start out thinking it's a parody, but by the end you're just as desperate as the retired mobster to be free of him. — M. Pols. (R: sexual encounters, extreme violence, language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **B+**

"SHREK": An animated visual marvel, with all the beauty and realism of a Chris Van Allsburg children's book. Shrek (voiced by Mike Myers) is an insecure ogre, who makes a deal with evil Lord Farquaad (John Lithgow) to procure him a bride. Accompanied by a hilarious donkey (Eddie Murphy at his best), Shrek goes to rescue Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) from a dragon-guarded tower on high, and unexpectedly finds love. Plenty of bathroom humor (perhaps too much) for the kids, with some clever, more sophisticated stuff for parents. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language and some sexual humor.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **B+**

"STARTUP.COM": A riveting and tragic tale of two childhood friends who shared a dream of Internet success, saw their star rise and then watched it plummet even faster. The story has inherent human drama. And in the sure hands of co-director Chris Hegedus and her husband/producer, D.A. Pennebaker, they've created a poignant, insightful snapshot of our times, a personal look of our times, economy ... and society. — C. Lemire. (R: language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **B+**

"THE VERTICAL RAY OF THE SUN": A ravishingly beautiful and sensual film that almost makes you forget there's not much of plot here. Written and directed by Tran Anh Hung, "Vertical" does have a story line; one that investigates love, marriage and faithfulness as they play out in the romantic lives of three Vietnamese sisters. But no one will come out of the movie speaking about the plot. The lure of "Vertical Ray" is its sophisticated blend of delicate music, restrained acting and seemingly casual but immaculate use of breathtaking color. — K. Turan. (PG-13: thematic elements and some sex-related material.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **A-**

"WITH A FRIEND LIKE HARRY": Sad sack Michel (Laurent Lucas), saddled with three kids, a grumpy wife and a pair of annoying parents, needs help getting his life together. Along comes Harry (Sergi Lopez) — an old high school classmate who admires Michel's former self just a little too much — with a most peculiar and nefarious way of helping. A wickedly funny dark comedy that owes a lot to Hitchcock, but still that manages to be fresh. In French with English subtitles. — M. Pols. (R: language, some violence and a scene of nudity.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. **A-**

MOVIE TICKETS

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"The Fast and the Furious" (PG-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"Fantasy" (R)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"The Fast and the Furious" (PG-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"Dinosaur Park II" (PG-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"The Dragon" (R)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"The Fast and the Furious" (PG-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"Planet of the Apes" (PG-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
"The Fast and the Furious" (PG-13)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

★ Brilliant ■ Good ▼ Weak ● Bomb

Push

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The action starts in an enticingly photographed Hong Kong. Tucker's character, vacationing in Hong Kong, is attempting to pick up girls from the front seat of Chief Inspector Lee's (Chan) car. Carter, wearing a Chinese phrase book, is, of course, so the girls pull away with looks of disdain. Poor Carter. All he wants to do is "mu shu" (wink, wink), but the too-serious Lee keeps getting him along on crime investigations. The big news in Hong Kong is that someone has just delivered a bomb to the U.S. consulate and blown up a couple of agents who were investigating some kind of smuggling operation. Apparently without sharing details of the investigation with their superiors. The immediate suspect is Ricky Tan (the elegant John Lone from "The Last Emperor"), leader of the "Red-Long Triad," although his henchwoman, Hu Li

("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" heroine Zhang Ziyi, too young and tender for the part), seems to be behind most of the trouble.

Lee and Carter chase around Hong Kong trying to interrogate Tan — hello, how hard would it be to get him to come down to the station? — Carter grumbling the whole while about wanting some playtime in Hong Kong. They follow Tan to the local massage parlor, but their detection work there is limited to Tucker ogling Asian beauties and Chan practicing martial arts on a slew of Tan's henchmen. It's all an amiable gag to get the boys naked and running through the streets of Hong Kong.

Subsequent gags take them to a party boat in Hong Kong harbor, then to Los Angeles, briefly, for an amusing cameo appearance by Don Cheadle as the kung fu-practicing owner of a Chinese restaurant in the largely black Crenshaw district. Then it's off to Las Vegas for a finale in a casino, preceded by a brief appearance by Jeremy Piven as ye olde gay Armani salesman. Prediction: In

the year 2067, at least one movie will feature the fey salesman routine. Or maybe they all will.

Through it all, Tucker keeps up a steady stream of politically incorrect jokes rooted in racial stereotypes. In Hong Kong, the Asians give it back to him. "Move aside, Kobe," an older woman says, brushing past him in a stairwell. Tucker is undeniably funny, but sometimes his incessant chatter is just too much. It's only 50 percent funny, and when his voice pitches up, you want to tune it out.

That's a good reason to be thankful for the subdued charms of Chan. It's a joy to watch him slip in and out of physical situations, but it's also nice to see that as his English has gotten better, he seems more comfortable with comic style. Tucker gives him a telescope at one point and tells him to keep an eye on a lovely woman in an apartment one skyscraper over. "I try to stay awake," Lee tells Carter obligingly, as the woman starts to disrobe. "It's just so booooring." He's a gem.

Mann

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VH-1 together in time," Garland said, smiling about his and Pittman's ingenious scam, the TV equivalent of "vaporware." They barely made it on the air in time with their new "Video Hits-1."

Bottom line: VH-1 got picked up by more and more cable systems around the country. And within a year, cable giant Turner's own nascent cable-music channel was dead. One further irony: Pittman is now Turner's superior at AOL-Time Warner.

New network low: I apologize for this item in advance, but something this deplorable should not pass without comment by we TV critics. One broadcast network hit a new low this week.

I tuned in NBC's new summer reality series, "The Fear Factor," this past Monday night. Could the show possibly be as awful as I'd heard? I was afraid the answer was yes, but I still wasn't prepared for one revolting segment.

Four "Fear" contestants were seated at the counter of a diner. An unlikely place, I thought, to confront their worst fears. Then the emcee lifted the lid of a container. It contained — again, pardon me — eight slimy, egg-shaped objects. These, we learned, were the private parts of male buffaloes. Each contestant had to eat two, and not hold his/her nose while doing so.

I saw this Monday night, and I'm still holding my nose. Good thing I'd eaten a light

supper.

OK, so is anyone else out there in favor of bringing back that quaint old tradition of tarring and feathering?

Worth a look: Sunday night at 8 on pay-cable's Showtime: "Wild Iris" is a little gem of a movie co-starring Laura Linney (nominated for Best Actress in last year's most acclaimed film, "You Can Count on Me") and the formidable Gena Rowlands. Linney, her hair dyed black and looking washed out, is superb as an alcoholic widow whose constant sniping at her domineering mother (Rowlands) drives her poor 15-year-old son — who's caught in the middle — to desperate measures.

"Wild Iris" isn't one of the most upbeat movies on cable this year. Just one of the best. And Linney, as usual, is superb.

Also recommended: ABC's new "Wayne Brady Show," premiering next Wednesday night at 8 on KGO-TV. Brady, as anyone who's seen the fast-rising star on ABC's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" can attest, is a triple-threat performer: A great improv comic as well as a talented singer and dancer. Brady breathes new life into the tired variety format in his new summer series, and also uses a small ensemble cast and his audience for laughs.

One hilarious bit, with the energetic Brady posing as James Brown conducting a CPR course, is an instant classic.

Truth in advertising? You may have seen the wire story this week about the poor Hooters waitress who was apparently hoodwinked into believing she'd won a new Toyota for

selling the most beer in an employee contest. Her manager apparently pulled a cruel hoax by blindfolding her and leading her out to the parking lot where she got her prize — a new toy Yoda (geddit?) from "Star Wars," still in its box. Cute.

This reminded me of a story Click and Clack, The Tappet Brothers, told one Saturday morning on their always-funny "Car Talk" show on NPR. (KQED-FM, Saturdays at 10 a.m.) One of the brothers said he went to a sales-pitch/speech for a time-share after being assured he'd get "a new Chevy Blazer." It turned out to be a lower-case "B" — a cheap jacket with a Chevy logo on it.

I've got a little list: And this one's at the top. My thanks to Hills columnist (and former OakTrib) colleague Marty Snapp for turning me on to San Francisco's Lamplighters, reputedly the best Gilbert & Sullivan company in the country. This recent G&S concert was bowled over by the brilliant new production of G&S's witty masterpiece, "The Mikado." It's showing at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Arts Center before moving to Walnut Creek's Leshner Center for Arts on Aug. 23-25. Savoyards don't miss this one. And thanks again, Marty. Ticket info: 415-272-4797 or www.lamplighters.org

(Questions or comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@sonic.net. Or visit his Bay Area TV-radio Web site: www.mannaboutsf.com.)

Beat

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Nukes evening at the Berkeley restaurant and bar, downtown, on Monday, Aug. 6. This special evening of food, libations and music featuring Jesse Colin Young and Sons will be sponsored by Greenpeace with the proceeds going to Tri-Valley CAREs and Citizen Alert and will commemorate the 56th anniversary of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Tickets are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and are \$100, which includes the show with complimentary beer and wine and the artists party following, with gourmet light fare. There are a limited number of \$250 tickets, which include a gourmet dinner and the show and party. Tickets may be purchased at downtown, located at 2102 Shattuck Ave. or at César at 1515 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley or to order by phone, call 800-728-6223. The show begins at 7:00 PM.

The founder of the '60s group The Youngbloods, Young went on to a successful solo career and is now touring with his son and godson. The trio play a mix of old songs and material from their new album, "Walk the Talk," re-

leased in May.

Group staging live 'Reefer Madness'

Anti-drug films of the 1930s are enjoyed today for their camp value, but the Elements theatre group maintains that things haven't changed much in the decades since. The group presents "Reefer Madness!!!", a new one-act theater piece adapted from the government-funded propaganda film of 1936, on stage at 9 p.m. on Aug. 8-9 and Aug. 22-23 at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, next to The Starry Plough (arrive 30-45 minutes early if possible).

Wednesdays are "pay what you can," Thursdays are \$5-10 and tickets are available at the door. (Free performances Aug. 10 and 17 in Peoples Park have been cancelled.)

Denine Monet in Jazzschool concert

Vocalist Denine Monet performs on the Jazzschool Students' Summer Concert Series on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 4:30 p.m. at the Jazzschool/La Neta, 2377 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley. At 5:30 pm the Pelo Mar plays on the instrumentalists' series.

Reservations: 510-845-5373.

Monet will be backed by pianist Walter Bankovitch, bassist Brad Russell, drummer Deszon Claiborne, and cellist Laura Boytz, performing material from her new CD Lady Bird (newly released on her own Shotzi Records label).

Truth, propaganda, and political correctness

Los Angeles talk radio personality Larry Elder comes to Oakland Aug. 14 for an appearance at The Independent Institute's forum on "Truth and Propaganda in Politically Correct America."

The author and lawyer will address the taboo topics of racism, sexism, gun control, education, welfare, drug laws, and more from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the institute, 100 Swan Way in Oakland (from I-880, take the Hegenberger Road exit south to Doolittle Road, then west on Doolittle to Swan Way, then north on Swan Way).


Cost is \$30 per person (includes one copy of Elder's book, "Ten Things You Can't Say in America") or \$10 per person (\$7 for institute members). Seating is limited. RSVP to Nichelle Beardsley, 510-632-1366 (limited seating).

Hernandez (San Francisco), \$10. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, (510) 849-2668 or www.lapena.org

Jesse Colin Young And No Nukes At Downtown — Aug. 6, 7 p.m. An evening of food, libations and music featuring Jesse Colin Young

and Sons sponsored by Greenpeace. Proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley CAREs and Citizen Alert. The event commemorates the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. \$100 general; \$250 includes gourmet.

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-availability basis.

Children

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

Kaleidoscope Camp offers Summer 2001 Rainbow Arts Camp for ages 4-7. Week-long camps feature theatre, visual arts, and dance classes. Groups work with a lead teacher and attend two classes a day. Camp starts 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Session one is Aug. 6 to Aug. 10. Session two, Aug. 13 to Aug. 17. Fee for one week: \$225. To enroll, print out, and complete form at www.juliamorgan.org. For more information, contact Rica Anderson at 845-8542 ext. 376.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts: Kaleidoscope Camps, 2640 College Ave., offers its final Summer 2001 Performing Arts Camp Aug. 6 through Aug. 17. The camp is for children ages 7-17, no previous performing arts experience necessary. Students start each day with two one-and-a-half-hour intensive theatre classes covering basic, intermediate and advanced acting, stage combat, musical theatre, physical comedy, clowning, creative movement and improvisation. Call 845-3133 for fee information.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center, sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mosser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. In Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-6560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lnsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The Albany Library presents "In Search of History: The Great Wall" at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at 1247 Marin Ave. All the information you need and more on the "Great Wall of China." Refreshments provided. For more information, call Library Senior Services at 745-1499.

The West Berkeley Market continues through Oct. 28. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at University Avenue between Third and Fourth streets. The event includes crafts, specialty foods, music, and family fun. For more information, call 654-6346 or visit the Web site at www.westberkeley.com.

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Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop

publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marlon Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture. College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies," volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 844-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance

abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

MFA Graduate Exhibition features Diana Greenleaf with her amazing wire sculptures. Exhibition hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, July 30 to Aug. 8. Reception: 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday Aug. 4. Location: John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., second floor. Event is free. For more information, call 649-0499.

Traywick Gallery continues its third annual MFA Survey Exhibition through Aug. 18. The exhibit features four recent graduates from Bay Area Master of Fine Arts programs; each displaying their own original talents. Exhibition hours: Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, see Web site at www.traywick.com.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., continues its exhibit "Water Visions 2001," a show of water sculpture,

through Sept. 2. In its 10th year the annual exhibit features water as an integral medium. Close to 50 works offer alternatives to the traditional imitations of European fountains. Gallery hours: Thursday, Friday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Web site is www.sculpturearts.com.

Kala Art Institute, 1080 Heinz Ave., presents the exhibition "A Fine Line," through Aug. 24. The exhibition features 2000/2001 Fellowship winners. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, Noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Fellowship winners include Samuel Chapin Brown, Sandra Gibson, Pakamas Suwannipa and Lee Walton. For more information, call Lauren Davies, program manager at 549-2977.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center.

2021 Shattuck Ave. for the Ethnographic Center. The works of Florida Gray, B. 22 Gray's artwork, two African patterns and two ages are displayed. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accessible. The gallery is accessible. For more information, call 548-8272.

Gallery ACCI continues its "graduate artists exhibition" through Aug. 4. The exhibit features the work of Sidney Fere.

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Homegrown bluegrass at Albatross Pub

THE WHISKEY BROTHERS, an El Cerrito-based acoustic quartet that performs classic western swing, bluegrass and original music, plays at the Albatross Pub, 1822 San Pablo Ave. in Berkeley, from 9-11 p.m. on Aug. 15. Details: 843-2473.

CCAC Alumni, through Sept. 7. The latest installment in the California College of Arts and Crafts Alumni Council's Exhibition Series. The exhibit features 16 works in diverse media by eight alumni including photography, paintings, wood and ceramic sculpture. Free. Terminal One entrance area and the walkway connecting Terminal One and Terminal Two, Oakland International Airport, 1 Airport Drive, Oakland. (510) 594-3600 or (415) 703-9500.

Oakland Museum of California — The museum presents exhibitions at two auxiliary venues. "Alex Mitchell: New Works," Aug. 10 through Sept. 9. Presented by the museum's Professional Services department. At 1945 Broadway. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Essence of Place," Aug. 3 through Oct. 26. An exhibit of works by Mitchell Johnson. Presented by the museum's Professional Services department. In the lobby of the Latham Square Building, 1611 Telegraph Ave.

"Spontaneity of Spirit: Raymond L. Haywood," closing Aug. 3. An exhibit of six paintings by the artist, in conjunction with its exhibit "Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks," 1945 Broadway. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3843, (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

Proarts — "New Visions: Introductions 2001," through Aug. 18. A juried exhibition of emerging California artists. Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 461 Ninth St., Oakland. (510) 763-4361 or www.proartsgallery.org

Richmond Art Center — "Ban/Ban," through Aug. 18. Group exhibition featuring four American and four Korean artists. In the Main Gallery. "Bay Area Selections — Jewelry and Metal Arts," through Aug. 18. The 3rd Annual Ernie Kim Award featuring seven selected artists. In the South Gallery.

"From Our Studios," through Aug. 18. A group exhibition of functional ceramics and woven textiles by adult artists participating in the Center's on-site education program. In the Community Gallery. Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. (510) 620-6772 or www.the-richmondartcenter.org

Royal Ground Gallery — "East Bay Women Artists," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of paintings, prints, mixed media, photography and baskets. Free. Daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art — "Revelatory Landscapes," through Oct. 14. An exhibition of five site-specific projects around the Bay Area drawing attention to typically unseen landscape zones on the edge of the urban scene.

Seventh and Peralta Streets, Oakland: "Landscape in Blue — Entropy in the Landscape." Hood Design will position a series of benches describing the historical changes at the intersection, once known for its vibrant jazz and blues scene before construction of the U.S. Post Office and West Oakland BART there.

Interstate 80 and University Avenue, Berkeley: "Coast-lines." The Tom Leader Studio will install a series of black screens that relate to the alignments of the area, from geologic faults and rail lines to municipal designations. Free. A map with specific directions is available at SFMOMA in San Francisco. (415) 947-1292 or www.sfmoma.org/landscape

Traywick Gallery — "MFA Survey Exhibition 2001," through Aug. 18. An exhibit of works by recent graduates of Bay Area Master of Fine Art programs. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1316 10th St., Berkeley. (510) 527-1214 or www.traywick.com

UC Berkeley YWCA — Mary Black, through Sept. 28. An exhibit of encaustic paintings using an ancient method of layering and fusing wax and pigment. Free. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and select Saturdays and evenings. 2600 Bancroft Way.

Berkeley. (707) 823-5261.

Aquatic Outreach Institute — "Habitat Stewards," Aug. 9 through Aug. 21. A workshop for Alameda residents. Participants will learn how to create habitat gardens, how to propagate and garden with California native plants, and how to garden with children. \$25. Aug. 9 and Aug. 21, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Aug. 11 and Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1327 South 46th St., 155 Richmond Field Station, Richmond. (510) 231-5783.

Bay Area Ridge Trail — The Bay Area Ridge Trail, when completed will be a 400-mile regional trail system that will form a loop around the entire San Francisco Bay region, linking 75 public parks and open spaces to thousands of people and hundreds of communities. Hikes on portions of the trail are available through the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council. Call for meeting sites.

ALAMEDA COUNTY — "Mountain Bike Basics," second Saturdays through 2001, 9 a.m. Learn to ride prepared, responsibly and skillfully on a segment of the Ridge Trail in the East Bay. Basic off-road riding techniques will be demonstrated and practiced in a relaxed positive environment. Class includes a short ride on easy trails. Reservations required. (925) 258-9115. Free. (415) 391-9300.

Brooks Island — "Intro to Kayaking and Tour Combo," Brooks Island, Aug. 4 and Aug. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided, instructional trip to Brooks Island. For age 13 and up. Registration required. \$70 to \$78. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond. (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

Anthony Chabot Regional Park — The centerpiece of this park, 20 minutes from downtown Oakland, is the 315-acre Lake Chabot. Other attractions are hiking, riding and bicycling through grasslands, chaparral and shady eucalyptus groves.

"Sun-day on Saturday?" Aug. 4, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bask in the sun's rays and learn about solar cooking. Registration required.

"Teen Adventure Challenges," Aug. 6 through Aug. 10 and Aug. 13 through Aug. 17. A program for teens ages 12 to 16 for making friends, building confidence and staying active. Transportation provided from different communities each week. Financial aid available. \$250 to \$270; \$25 bus fee. Registration required.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS — All programs are held in the campground amphitheater around the campfire. Non-campers welcome. Dress warmly and bring marshmallows and a flashlight. Sessions are Saturday, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Reservations required. (510) 521-6887. Aug. 4: Howling at the Moon. Aug. 11: Migrating Fish. Aug. 18: Incredible Insects. Aug. 25: Camouflaging Animals. Sept. 1: Tall Tales and Silly Songs. Parking fee. Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 562-PARK or www.ebparks.org

Crab Cove Visitor Center — "Crab Cove 'On the Road'" — Rock-ridge Branch Library, Aug. 4, 3 p.m. Enjoy hands-on activities and story time courtesy of a traveling naturalist.

"Adventure Walks," Aug. 4, Aug. 5, Aug. 12, Aug. 19, Aug. 25 and Aug. 26, 11 a.m. to noon. Take a guided walk on the beach to the pond or among the trees to find out about the wild things that call the shoreline home.

"Evening Concerts at the Cove," Aug. 10, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the swinging jazz of the Jim Franz and Jan Nichols Band. "Bike to the Urban Tidepools," Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a bike ride from Crab Cove to Bay Farm Island.

"My Pet Fish," Aug. 11, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn to start a warm freshwater aquarium habitat.

"Estuary Explorers," ongoing. This educational program is designed to help children age 5 to 8 explore nature independently. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

Aug. 9: Sharks. Tip to Tail. Aug. 12: Working Cells.

\$5 to \$7. "Sea Siblings," ongoing. This children's weekly outing includes a craft, a snack and an outdoor exploration. For ages 3 to 5 with a younger sibling. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

Aug. 14, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon: "Sharks Are Swell." 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887 or www.ebparks.org

Fifth Annual California International Dragon Boat Festival — Aug. 11 and Aug. 12. The International Dragon Boat Association extends a warm welcome to all paddlers near and far. Racing, trophies, an Artist Alley and more. Come experience one of the fastest growing events in the region. Free. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jack London Square, Oakland. (510) 452-4272.

Dunsuir House And Gardens Historic Estate — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsuir for his bride. The mansion is surrounded by restored out-buildings set amid landscaped gardens.

MANSON 2001 TOUR SEASON — through Sept. 26. Learn the stories of the families that built and lived in the mansion over the last century as well as receive an introduction to the surrounding historic landscape. Meet docents at the Dinkel-spiel House near the main entrance of the estate. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. \$5 general; \$4 seniors; free children age 13 and under.

GROUND — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

FAMILY SUNDAY — through Sept. 2. Family programs take place on the first Sunday of the month and include a performance, Mansion tours and self-guided garden tours. Bring a picnic and enjoy the weather. \$5 general; \$4 seniors and youths age 14 to 18; free children age 13 and under.

Aug. 5, noon to 3 p.m.: Dick the Magician. Performances are at 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy Mansion tours at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Dunsuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsuir.org

Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum — "2001, A Model Railroad Odyssey" through Oct. 28. The museum features extensive displays of operating model railroads constructed by the East Bay Model Engineers Society. Covering some 10,000 square feet, steam and modern diesel-powered freight and passenger trains operate in O, H.O. and N-scales on separate layouts, as well as narrow gauge and trolley lines. Of special interest is the Tehachapi Pass and Loop on the N-scale layout showing how the multiple engine trains traverse the gorges and tunnels, passing over themselves to gain altitude to cross Tehachapi Summit just east of Bakersfield. In addition the layouts include such famous railroad landmarks as Niles Canyon, Donner Pass, and the Oakland Mole where transcontinental passengers were ferried across San Francisco Bay from their arriving trains. The displays are built and operated by the 68-year-old East Bay Model Engineers Society.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors and children under 12; \$6 family maximum. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline, 900-A Dorman Drive, Point Richmond. (510) 234-4884.

Greenbelt Alliance Outings — A series of hikes, bike rides and events sponsored by Greenbelt Alliance, the Bay Area's non-profit land conservation and urban planning organization. Call for meeting places. Reservations required for all trips.

"Urban Habitat Ride," Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hop on a cycle and pedal down to the restored wetlands of Oakland's Arrowhead Marsh. Check out the birds, then head to Bay Farm Island for a ride around the loop trail. Distance: 12

miles. Difficulty: easy. Elevation gain: less than 1,000 feet. Free. (415) 255-3233.

Chabot Space and Science Center — A state-of-the-art facility unifying all science education activities around astronomy. "SPOTLIGHT ACTIVITIES" — through Sept. 30. Workshops held in the Enriolab, except "Water Rockets" conducted outdoors in the Enriogarden. Weekends, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Weekdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Through Aug. 5: Rocket Cars. Aug. 7 through Aug. 12: Paper Airplanes.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Challenger Learning Center Community Missions: Rendezvous with a Comet," Aug. 11. Experience real-time, simulated space missions. For ages 11 and up. Space is limited. \$20.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT — "Hubble Visions," closing Aug. 12. Learn about the Hubble Space Telescope, its history and purpose, and see the images it has helped capture. On loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

GALLERIES — "Rockets," Saturday and Sunday, through Sept. 30. Investigate rockets and how they work, from pop rockets and paper airplanes to fuel-burning compressor rockets. 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"Our Place in the Universe," ongoing. A walking tour of the universe using 3-D technologies and featuring the Hologlobe, on permanent loan from the Smithsonian Institution. "Planetary Landscapes: Sculpting the Solar System," ongoing. Wander through a room of swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and a sea of clouds in this exhibit of interactive sculptures by artist Ned Kahn.

"Astronomy in California 1850-1950: Observatories, Telescope Makers and their Instruments," ongoing. Explore California's astronomical history through a display of telescopes, artifacts, and the histories of their makers, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

"The Orion and Messier of Meteorites," ongoing. A mural by artists Joy Day and B.E. Johnson, accompanied by a case of meteorite samples.

PLANETARIUM — Featuring one of the most advanced star projectors in the world.

"Cosmic Catastrophes," Aug. 4 through Aug. 31. An alien race from a distant planet is searching the galaxy for a new home because their sun is dying. Will Earth be the right planet? Tuesday through Sunday, noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

"Mars Quest," ongoing. Learn about humanity's fascination with the Red Planet and the possibility of a manned mission to Mars. Narrated by Patrick Stewart of Star Trek fame. Through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Sunday, noon, 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Aug. 4 through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Sunday, 1 p.m.

"The Sky Tonight," a look at the current stars, constellations, and planets, the Andromeda Galaxy, and the Milky Way. Through Aug. 31: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

"Wonders of the Milky Way" This tour of the Milk Way Galaxy, beginning with its formation billions of years ago, surveys the wonders discovered by modern astronomy. Through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. Aug. 4 through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m.

\$8.75 general; \$6.50 seniors and children. **TEN MEGADOME SCIENCE THEATER** — A 70-foot dome-screen auditorium. Showtimes subject to change.

"Mysteries of Egypt." Experience the magic and mystery of Egypt by soaring over the great pyramids of Giza, cross the remote Valley of the Kings, and descend into the shadowy chambers of the sacred tomb of King Tutankhamen. Through Aug. 3: Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Aug. 4 through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Aug. 4 through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

"To Be An Astronaut." Venture inside the gates of NASA to experience the roots of astronaut training. Through Aug. 3: Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Aug. 4 through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

"Antarctica." Explore the icy expanse of the highest, driest and coldest continent, home to penguins, seals and other exotic life forms. Through Aug. 3: Tuesday through Friday, 2:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Aug. 4 through Aug. 31: Tuesday through Friday, 2:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Through August: Friday Night Screenings: "Solarmax," 7:30 p.m.; "Mysteries of Egypt," 8:30 p.m. Through August: Saturday Night Screenings: "Antarctica," 7:30 p.m.;

"Mysteries of Egypt," 8:30 p.m. \$8.75 general; \$6.50 seniors and children.

OBSERVATORY COMPLEX — Explore the night sky with refractor telescopes. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. \$3 general; \$5.50 seniors and youths age 4 to 12; free children age 3 and under; \$4 parking. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional planetarium, theater and telescope observatory evening hours: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. (510) 336-7300 or www.chabotspace.org

Lawrence Hall of Science — EXHIBITS — "Science in Toyland," through Sept. 9. This interactive exhibit uses toys to demonstrate scientific principles and to help develop children's thinking processes. Younger children can learn about shape and pattern recognition while playing "construction worker," while older children can learn about inertia, center of gravity, acceleration, momentum and other scientific principles.

"Space Weather," through Sept. 2. Learn about solar cycles, space weather, the cause of the Auroras and recent discoveries made by leading astronomers. This interactive exhibit lets visitors access near real-time data from the Sun and space, view interactive videos and find out about a variety of solar activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS — "Wildlife Biology Research Camp," Aug. 6 through Aug. 11. This opportunity for high school students in grades 9 to 12 will enable campers to explore the UC Research Station in the Sierra Nevada mountains for the study of wild animals. (510) 642-5134 or (510) 642-2275.

"A Day at the Beach," Aug. 8, noon to 2 p.m. A beach in the Berkeley Hills? Sand sculptor Kirk Rademaker demonstrates how to build sand castles and compare them with examples from around the world.

FAMILY WORKSHOPS — Registration is required and each child must be accompanied by an adult. (510) 642-5134.

"Animal Picnic Family Workshop," Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Find a rabbit and feed it a carrot and hold out what a toad does with its eyes when it swallows a worm. \$25 for one child and one adult; \$10 each additional family member.

ONGOING EXHIBITS — "Math Rules!" ongoing exhibit. A math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge. Make mathematical ice-cream cones, use blocks to build three dimensional structures, make dodecahedron pies from a variety of mathematical shapes and stretch mathematical thinking.

"Within the Human Brain," ongoing installation. Visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones and construct stories inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments.

"Laser: The Light Fantastic," ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a supermarket-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam barehanded.

"492: Two Worlds of Science," ongoing exhibit. Explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus's voyage, through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

ONGOING PROGRAMS — Free after museum admission. Saturday Night Stargazing, through Aug. 22. View the night sky through astronomical telescopes, weather permitting. First and third Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Biology Discovery Lab, ongoing. In the renovated Biology Lab visitors may hold and observe gentle animals. Daily through Aug. 25, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Computer Lab, ongoing. A chance for children to explore age-appropriate software and the Internet. For children age 5 and above; children under age 10 accompanied by an adult. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

HOLT PLANETARIUM — Programs are recommended for age 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted. \$2 in addition to regular museum admission.

"How Big Is the Universe?" through Aug. 24. Learn how to determine the distance of celestial objects, one of the purposes of the Hubble Space Telescope. Daily, 2:15 p.m. "Flying to the Moon," ongoing. Pack your astronaut bag with everything needed for an imaginary trip to the moon. See a time traveler's changing shape of the moon as viewed from earth. Then land on the moon and go on an imaginary stroll. Daily, 1 p.m.

"Constellations Tonight," ongoing. Using a simple star map, learn to identify the most prominent constellations for the season in the planetarium sky. Daily, 3:30 p.m. \$7 general; \$5 seniors, students, disabled, and youths age 7 to 18; \$3 children age 3 to 5; free children age 2 and younger. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-5132 or www.hls.berkeley.edu

Berkeley Farmers' Market — ongoing. A chance to buy local organic produce, baked goods and flowers. The two markets operate rain or shine.

Tuesday Market, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Derby Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Saturday Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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REI Berkeley —

"Hands-On Bicycle Repair Clinic," ongoing. Join a REI bike technician and learn how to fix your own bicycle. Tools provided. Each clinic covers a different aspect of basic repairs. Clinics run from 11 a.m. to noon.

Aug. 12: Derailleur adjustments.

Aug. 19: Fixing a flat.

Free unless otherwise noted, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

"Best Sea Kayaking Trips in Northern California," Aug. 9, 7 p.m. Join Roger Schumann and Jan Shriner as they share information

from their guidebook "Sea Kayaking in Central and Northern California" and "Sea Kayak — The Definitive Guide to Modern Recreational and Recovery Techniques."

Wildcat Canyon Regional Park —

This 2,426-acre park is Tilden's neighbor. Once the home of Native American villages as recently as 1772, the area is now a haven for many birds and animals.

Contra Costa County north of El Cerrito. (510) 636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden —

ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants.

TOURS — Botanical Garden Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour.

\$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children; free on Thursday. Through Sept. 3: daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed

the first Tuesday of every month for maintenance. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley. (510) 643-2755 or www.mjp.berkeley.edu/garden/

Julia Morgan Center For The Arts —

"Kaleidoscope Camps: Summer 2001 Rainbow Arts Session," through Aug. 17. Week-long performing arts camps for children ages 4 to 7. No previous arts experience necessary. Children will be grouped by age range. Enrollment forms may be found on the center's Web site.

Camp III: Aug. 6 through Aug. 10. Camp IV: Aug. 13 through Aug. 17. SPECIAL EVENT — "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.," Aug. 10 through Aug. 12. Campers from Stage Door Conservatory's "On Broadway" program will perform the play, which they have been working on

since July 2. For ages 5 and up. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 5 p.m. \$12 general; \$8

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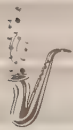
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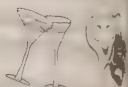
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The August 5 Faire is a special one. Harry Rinker, acclaimed antiques expert, appraiser, and author of *Rinker on Collectibles*, as well as the syndicated radio program "Whatcha Got?" will be on hand to offer appraisals on up to five items per individual. Rinker has been seen frequently

on the Martha Stewart Show, and really knows his stuff. His appraisals will cost only \$2 per item.

In addition to Rinker, the Edsel Car Club will be displaying over 20 automobile models, with examples from almost every year the car was in production.

Show hours for general admission are 9:00 am - 4:30 pm with extended hours for early and VIP guests. General admission prices are \$3 for adults; children under 16 are admitted free. Contact Shows@antiquesbythebay.com or call (510) 522-7500 for more information. For 24 hour recorded event information call (510) 869-5428 or www.AntiquesByBay.com

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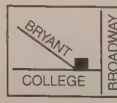
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Section D

Classic Classics 1962 Corvette well worth the wait [D2]

DAN LYONS
Get Off the Road

ML430: A classy hill climber

One part luxury car, one part "glider." That's how Mercedes-Benz describes their sport utility vehicles, and the description fits. The trio of sport utilities made by the tri-star folks are elegant, efficient on- and off-road machines. The unknown maker of German cars entered the field in 1997, with the introduction of the class, the ML320.

Next year, the company brought a high performance model to the ML55 AMG. Sandwiched in between was the ML430, the eight-cylinder ML430 grabs a fistful of technology and a grip off-road. M-B uses a four-wheel-drive system, a 300-hp, 5.0-liter, front/rear torque split. The ML430 is fully independent, and rear.

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KIA'S SEDONA MINIVAN offers great looks at an affordable price in its LX model and all the bells and whistles in its EX model

Kia Sedona minivan warrants buyer's attention

The new 2002 Kia Sedona, a seven-passenger minivan that has many good things going for it, is destined to grab attention.

The Sedona has sliding doors on both sides, which is not unusual; it's a typical feature of all others on the market. But what is attention-grabbing is the combination of great looks with an incredible price — you can drive away in the LX model for just under \$19,000.

But I suspect most buyers will opt for the EX model, which is loaded with bells and whistles, and still costs only \$24,100.

The EX has leather seats, chrome-plated door handles and speaker grilles, keyless entry and numerous other features that make it a charmer.

An especially thoughtful feature is included: when locking the doors using the keyless remote, many cars respond by blowing the horn — loudly. At 2 a.m. that feature can be annoying to neighbors. The Sedona simply toots its horn softly.

Kia's designers and engineers can toot their horn about numerous other thoughtful amenities, such as the six little hooks in the storage

area on the back of the rear seat's backrest. The hooks will hold slippery plastic shopping bags.

Additional storage space can be obtained by lowering either or both backrests, or items can be carried on the body-colored roof rack.

This minivan seats seven, but the third row doesn't offer too much legroom, which is typical of most minivans. Those with better leg

room acquire the additional space when the third row is pushed back, decreasing storage space. Kia made a reasonable compromise as its overall length is within an inch of other leading models.

The front and second rows feature captain's chairs. The front seats are not only comfortable, but they are power operated. The driver's seat has eight-way power, including power lumbar support.

The engine's power is the most impressive feature of all. Under the hood is a 3.5-liter, dual overhead cam V-6 engine. Although the Se-

dona has good displacement, it gets 15 city and 20 highway in miles per gallon using regular gas.

This engine is linked to a five-speed automatic transmission — another unusual feature. (Most automatic transmissions have four-speed transmissions.)

I gave the Sedona a good workout on both hills and highways, and it responded every bit as well as other minivans I've driven. I'm told the Sedona is built on independent front suspension, while the rear sus-

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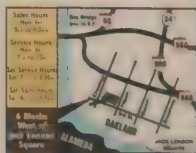
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1962 Corvette proves to be a dream worth three-decade wait

George Altmeyer wanted a 1962 Corvette from the day he first laid eyes on it. But \$4,697 was more than an 18-year-old could afford, so he waited — and waited.

Thirty-seven years later, his dream became a reality. After searching the Internet for more than a year, he located a man in North Ferrisburgh, VT., who was selling a 1962 Corvette that he had spent 13 years rebuilding. The overhaul even included restoring the drivetrain, but the New England owner now felt it was time to pass the car on to someone else.

Altmeyer said, "We spoke by phone and we agreed upon a date for me to drive to Vermont to see the car." The trip from Yardley, Pa., to Vermont proved the 37-year wait was worthwhile. "One look and I knew my search was over."

As advertised, the engine com-

TOM KEANE
Classic Classics

partment, drivetrain, mechanicals and underbody had been completely restored," Altmeyer said. "While the body and interior were in very good shape, the paint and interior were not factory original."

They agreed upon a price and Altmeyer wrote a check for a deposit. Upon returning home, he made arrangements for the car to be picked up and shipped to his home in Bucks County. It was delivered on July 20, 1999. "That was the day my fun began," Altmeyer said.

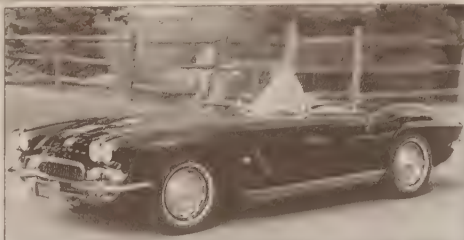
"I wanted to restore the body and interior to its original condition, but I had difficulty determining the original paint color since Chevrolet

didn't begin attaching trim tags until 1963. That's when Noland Adams came to my rescue," said the new Corvette owner.

Adams, an author of various Corvette automobile publications, advised Altmeyer to gently scrape away the overspray on the panel behind the passenger seat, an action which would disclose — written in green crayon — the original color paint. Adam's advice was right on target as the process revealed the word BLACK.

"I found traces of red paint under the dash, indicating the original color of the interior," said Altmeyer. In December 1999, the car underwent complete restoration with the removal of all the trim and interior parts. The process took nine months.

The car was stripped down to the bare fiberglass. It was then gel



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coated, primed and repainted. The interior and convertible top were replaced and restored to original specifications.

Altmeyer investigated and learned some details about his dream car. He found that it was assembled on Dec. 21, 1961, in St. Louis, Mo., and that it was the 4,435th of the 14,531 produced that year. It had standard features consisting of sun visors, parking brake alarm, windshield washer, 160-mph speedometer and tachometer.

His car also had the optional equipment of a 327-cubic-inch, high

performance 300-horsepower engine linked to a Borg Warner T-10 four-speed automatic transmission. It also had a Wonderbar signal-seeking AM radio, an auxiliary hard-top, 3:36 positraction differential and whitewall tires.

Altmeyer says, "1962 was the last year for the solid rear axle and also the last year Corvette had a trunk for many years. It was the last year before the production of the Sting Ray commenced."

He takes a lot of pride in his Corvette and drives it frequently — but never in inclement weather. His

OWNER of this '66 Corvette spent nine months restoring its original factory look including same color paint black with red interior

pride and joy has garnered first-place honors in regional awards in regions (aerobics)

Obviously, I have been able to be very proud of my '66 Corvette," Altmeyer says. "I was 18 years old and I appreciate my investment more."

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Road

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spires confidence during descents on rutted or slick hills.

Another feature lends a hand when you're slowly ascending a grade. The crawling mode — again, available only in low range and at ultra-low speed of less than 3 mph — allows drivers to simultaneously use brake and throttle without deactivating traction control and ABS.

If you like to feather the whoa pedal with your left foot while nudging the go pedal with your right, you can still maintain the electronic assistants. Ground clearance on the ML430 is 8 feet, 4 inches.

Angles of approach/departure are 23 degrees and 21 degrees respectively. No skid plates are offered by the factory.

Style-wise, the ML430 is a bit too conservative looking. A good color choice helps spice it up, however. The Mystic Green hue worn by my test vehicle lent a classy look to the upscale M-B utilities. Step inside and you fall into the lap of luxury. Leather and burl walnut trim abound, and the heated front seats are eight-way power adjustable.

A GPS navigation system is standard equipment. The design of switches and controls is straightforward. The ML's generous glass area all around makes visibility good in all directions — except straight back where the three rear headrests intrude into an otherwise



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MERCEDES' ML430 is luxurious, efficient and versatile.

large window. My solution: When no one is traveling in back, pop off the headrests and enjoy the unobstructed view.

The ML holds five passengers comfortably. As to their belongings, the rear compartment holds a generous 40.4 cubic feet of cargo with the rear seats in place, swelling to 81.2 cubic feet with seats flopped forward. The lift-over height is easy on the back.

The one-piece, swing-up hatchback is convenient to use, but beware if you are over 6 feet tall: It's too easy to bang your head on the hatchback door if you don't stoop.

The roof rack is rated at 220 pounds; towing capacity is 5,000 pounds.

Under the hood, the ML430's 4.3 liter V-8 makes 268 horsepower and 288 pound-feet of torque. Coupled to a five-speed electronic automatic transmission, the V-8 is a smooth, easy power producer, with ample oomph for on/off-road use or tow-

ing applications.

EPA gas mileage ratings for the ML430 are 16 city and 20 highway, and I averaged just under 19 during my test.

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Let the gas tank get low and you're asking for trouble

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Oldsmobile Cutlass Sierra. When the gas tank is almost empty, the engine will sometimes stall and hesitate. I had both the fuel pump and fuel filter replaced. What could be wrong? **Amber**

Dear Amber: It sounds like air is being sucked up with the gasoline. The cure is to redirect the return line in the fuel pump away from the fuel pickup. However, you should never let the fuel go below a quarter full in any vehicle.

When the fuel goes below a quarter full, the fuel pump will pick up the dirt and contamination that is in the bottom of the tank. This substance will wear out the fuel pump, as well as clog both the fuel filter and fuel injectors. During hot and cold weather, condensation will also build up in the tank.

Again, let me repeat for the benefit of all readers — do not let the fuel go below a quarter full.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Dodge Ram 2500 conversion van 318 V-8 with 80,000 miles. The fuel sender is erratic; it goes from empty to full. One mechanic said to replace the sender only and another mechanic said to replace both the fuel sender and fuel pump. What should I do? **Ed**

Dear Ed: Most late model fuel-injected vehicles like yours have a one-piece fuel module that incor-

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porates the fuel pump and fuel meter as one unit. If your van has this type of module, replace the entire unit.

If the fuel sender is sold separately at a significant savings, you have the option of replacing the sender only. Remember there is a labor cost of pulling out the tank to access the pump on most American vehicles, and your van is six years old with 80,000 miles.

Fuel pumps do wear out. If you were at my shop, I would suggest both fuel pump and sender replacement.

Dear Doctor: I recently purchased a 1988 Volkswagen Cabriolet for my daughter. The engine seems to stumble and hesitate when first started in the morning. The local repair shop adjusted the air flow meter.

The problem still exists. What do you think is wrong? **Sam**

Dear Sam: Fuel delivery and fuel pressure are critical on older Volkswagens such as yours. A lot of general repair shops do not have the equipment for testing fuel pressure on these vehicles.

Dirty fuel injectors are also a common problem. I suggest you

take the car to a Volkswagen dealer or import technician that specializes in Volkswagens. The complaint you have is not tune-up related; it is a fuel problem.

Dear Doctor: Whenever I drive my 1995 Lincoln Continental, I experience dizziness, headache and sore throat. These symptoms also develop in my passengers. I spent \$1,500 at the dealer and still have the same problem.

I cannot afford a new car and would like to have this one fixed. What do you suggest? **Charles**

Dear Charles: You need to find the type of fume that is making you sick. It could be from the exhaust, engine or heating ventilation system. I would suggest leaving the car at an independent shop for a few days. Let a technician drive the car home.

A check of the interior with a gas analyzer would be the first test I would do. Disinfecting the heat and air conditioning system would be the next step. Did the dealer install a moisture purge module in the heat/air conditioning system?

There is a Technical Service Bulletin for a moisture purge module installation. In some cases, if the problem is exhaust-related, the installation of a pair of exhaust extension tips may help.

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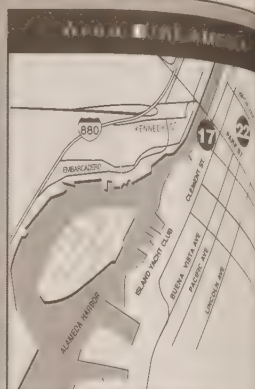
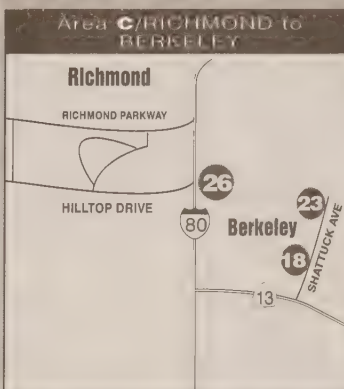
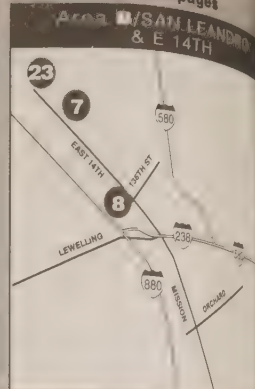
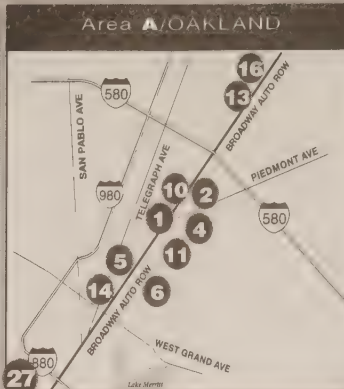
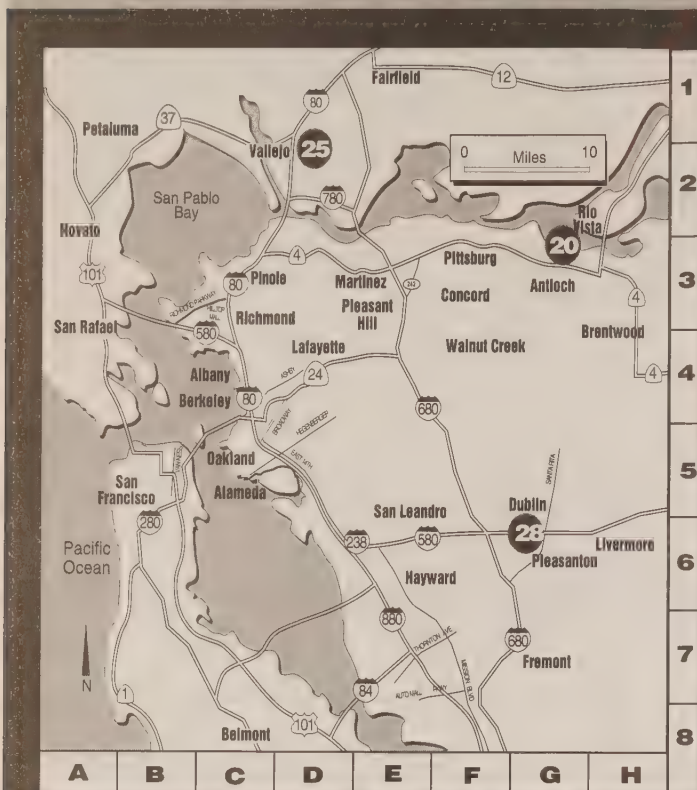
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trucks are compact, comfortable, fairly economical and easy to drive and park. And they present a sporty image instead of looking like work trucks.

The three trucks shown in the photograph — the Nissan Frontier Crew Cab, the Toyota Tacoma Double Cab and the Chevy S-10 Crew Cab — represent the trucks at the smaller end of the new four-door Crew Cab spectrum. The Chevy product is new, but Crew Cab versions of the Nissan and Toyota have been selling overseas, and in Mexico for more than 20 years. It was only recently that the auto company marketing mavens decided the U.S. market was ready for these small people haulers, and it's about time. These trucks are capable towing performers, and can handle quite a range of trailer sizes given their similar overall dimensions.

At the upper end of the range is the S-10 Crew Cab, which is available only in 4WD and is rated to tow a 5,200-pound trailer. The 190-horsepower, 4.3-liter Vortec V-6, automatic transmission and 3.73:1 axle ratio are required to achieve the truck's max towing capacity. The GMC version of the truck, the Sonoma, is also available in 2WD and is rated to tow 6,000 pounds.

Next down the scale of towing capacity is the Tacoma Double Cab. With the 190-hp 3.4-liter double-overhead-cam V-6, four-speed ECT automatic transmission and 4.10:1 axle ratio, it can tow a 5,000-pound trailer. The same rating applies to the 2WD and 4WD truck. The Ni-

san Frontier Crew Cab has a 3,500-pound tow rating. Add the automatic transmission and that rating jumps to 5,000 pounds, but the five-speed manual gearbox cuts the rating down somewhat. Likewise, trucks with the supercharged 210-hp, 3.3-liter V-6 engine are also rated to tow 3,500 pounds, as the company holds the tow rating back for the supercharged powerplant.

The three trucks have somewhat short beds because of the extra-long cabs. In short, they look far sportier with a short bed tacked out back than with a huge standard bed.

The Nissan is available with a 74.6-inch long bed option, but the standard bed is 56.3 inches, which is a bit shy of Toyota's 61.5-inch bed and on par with Chevy's 55.2-inch bed. Although short, these are genuine steel beds that can handle the same type of loads as their larger counterparts. Use of these trucks to haul fifth-wheel trailers would call for some careful measurement to ensure there would be no disastrous cab-to-trailer interference during sharp turns.

Each truck has what can be called a "full-size" back seat, so three large adults can be seated there. This kind of passenger hauling would be best restricted to shorter hauls around town, though, as long-legged adults could feel a bit snug in the back seat during long drives. The full-size second-position doors on each truck make entry and exit from the back seats mostly painless.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: Nissan Frontier, Chevy S-10, Toyota Tacoma. Crew Cabs can handle a wide range of trailer sizes, making these pickups ideal for RVers.

Ferrari shifts transmission to lure buyers

BY JIM MATEJA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO—Life, it has been said, can be cruel. Not always.

Particularly not when a 2001 Ferrari 360 Modena and a 2001 BMW Z3 become available on the same day to test drive. Quilliiiiiiiick!

The 360 we tested offers an automatic transmission for the first time, teamed with a Formula One-type, or "paddle shift," manual.

Formula One race cars have buttons on the back of the steering wheel that you press to shift. The 360 Modena paddles are on the steering column behind the wheel.

A variety of automakers offer so-called clutchless manuals in which you tap a lever to up or downshift without need for a clutch pedal. The 360 Modena steering column is flanked by large flat levers to do that. It has a clutch, but it functions automatically so you have to tap just one of those paddles.

The automatic goes to work when you push a button in the center console. A small shift handle-like lever also rests in the console, but comes into play only when you need "reverse" gear and have to pull it up and back.

In a machine powered by a 3.6-liter, 400-horsepower, 40-valve V-8 that claims a zero-to-60-mph time of about 4.5 seconds, chances are you'll spend precious little time in

reverse. But you'll spend considerable time at the pump with its 10 mpg city/15 mpg highway mileage rating, which garners a \$4,500 gas-guzzler tax. (There's also a luxury tax of \$4,738, or 4 percent of the price of the car that exceeds \$38,000.)

Whether you play with the paddles or let the automatic do its own thing, the muffled rumble of the V-8 resting behind driver/passenger in this two-seater sounds like a symphony about third gear.

"Ferrari wanted to expand sales to people who can afford the car, but either aren't able to shift manually or are intimidated by shifting manually and so for the first time it came up with automatic for the 360," said John Weinberger, owner of Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale, Ill., one of two Ferrari dealers in the area, the other being Lake Forest Sports Cars Ltd. owned by Rick Mancuso.

"Ferrari has opened the door for those who don't or won't shift a six-speed manual — and in doing so created a three-year wait for the car. About 80 percent of all 360s are produced with automatic," Weinberger said.

You can still get a six-speed manual, which starts at \$144,620 versus \$148,350 for the "paddle shifter" manual and automatic.

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"It has nothing to do with the driving experience, which is why you won't find a navigation system either," sniffed Scott Rothermel, general sales manager for Continental.

"And there's no 0.9 percent financing, either. Most buyers simply write a check," he said.

The auto industry's next niche

BY RICK POPELY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO—Crossovers that blend sport-utility vehicles with station wagons, cars or minivans are the rage as the auto industry seeks the next niche. Some manufacturers tout their ideas as if they've reinvented the car. A look back at recent automotive history shows the industry has been there, tried that, though timing and styling were usually off the mark.

Long before Subaru introduced the 1995 Outback as the "world's first sport-utility wagon," American Motors offered a similar package with its aged Concord wagon and sedan. AMC installed four-wheel-drive in the 1980 Concord, added 3 inches of ground clear-

ance and black lower body trim and renamed it the Eagle. Few people noticed, however, and the Eagle was a sideshow in the 1980s to the Jeep Cherokee, AMC's groundbreaking compact SUV.

Subaru's success with the Outback has inspired a host of car-based SUVs and similar wagons, the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V, Lexus RX300, Ford Escape, Volvo XC and Audi Allroad Quattro among them.

Honda, Toyota and Nissan also preceded Subaru's Outback with AWD wagons, though none marketed their vehicles as sport-ute alternatives or enjoyed similar success. The same basic formula applies to the RAV4 and CR-V, but their predecessors lacked the SUV styling cues buyers now crave.

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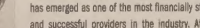
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